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Young Tory, not so fogey, samples the damp delights of carnival



Tory leader William Hague and his fiancée Ffion Jenkins drink coconut milk during their visit to the Notting Hill carnival

Rain dampened the start of the

Notting Hill Carnival where

William Hague, the Tory leader,

and bis fiancée Ffioo Jenkins

joined the crowds yesterday -

Bank Holiday Mooday. Mr aware of the other vehicles Hague, who is said to be trying to throw off his "old fogey" im-age, said, "This is the biggest

cultural event of the oation." But storms created chaos on the roads for thousands of moaround them as flooding cootributed to jams on many of the roads to the coasts. Surface water in the West Country created hazardous conditions while fog and mist across Lincolnshire

A severe weather warning was issued for East Anglia where half a month's rainfall fell in six bours, flooding several roads in the area.

The RAC reported flooding.

Photograph: Kieran Doherty

brook and the B3803 in Berwick St James the worst affected. Water on the M25 near Denham was three to four inches deep while the M40 between Bicester and Ranhury and innein Wiltshire with the A354 in tions LA of the M40 also saw de-

and washed out many people's torists who were only too well led to reduced visibility. Newtown, the A3102 in Westlays because of flooding. 'Guardian' journalist helped Ghanaian pursue libel action

Steve Boggan

A senior Guardian executive wrote the cheques which paid for a libel action against The Independent brought by the former ad of security for an African military regime, it was confirmed yesterday. More than £300,000 was paid into Victoria Brittain's hank accouot, allegedly from Ghanaian and Libyan sources, to fund the lawsuit, which The Independent has been fighting for four years.

Ms Brittain, the Guardian's deputy foreign editor, used the money to pay the legal bills for Kojo Isikata, the former head of internal security in Ghana, une of her closest friends for almost 20 years. She suggested Mr Tsikata should sue The Independent - and introduced him to Bindman & Partners libel David Shayler, the MI5 officer lawvers – following the publica- wbo revealed that Peter Manlawvers - following the publica-tion of an article which referred to the murder of three Ghanaian high court judges in 1982. When legal hills were presented, sources say, she wrote per-

sonal cheques to cover them. What she did not know, however, was that her bank details had been secretly given to Libyan contacts. She believed all the money arriving in her ac-count was from Mr Tsikata hut most of it is reported to have originated from Libya. The Guardian said she would not be disciplined for her role. Ms Brittain's involvement in

former MI5 officer, told the Mail Guardian spokeswoman con-on Sunday that the paymeots firmed last night that Ms Britinto her bank accooot had triggered a surveillance and bugging operation in 1994 because intelligence operatives wrongly believed it was part of a Libyan mooey-laundering operation. Wheo they realised the operatioo was simply intended to bankroll a legal action, the sur-

& Partners issued on Sunday, Ms Brittain said sbe never

veillance was halted. In o statement from Bindman knowingly received any money

tain's bank statements did not identify the source of payments into her account. She said it was not in dispute, however, that moneys had been paid into and out of her account to fund the libel action.

Had her bank statements been more comprehensive, Mr Shayler told The Independent yesterday, they would have shown that five of seven payments from September 1993 to February

1995 had Libyan connections.

Interest Section account at the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank on 15 December 1994, 1 January 1995 and 2 February 1995; and two more-one for £60,000 and another for £50,000 - are understood to originate from two Credit Lyonnais accounts beld by Khalifa Ahmed Bazelya, the former head of the Libvan interest section at the Saudi Arabian embassy in London.

Other payments which did not appear to originate from Mr Tsikata include one for £48,989

from Libyan sources. A They comprise three transfers from Kojo Amoo-Gottfried, I hope they just accept I was right to highlight what MI5 were doing'

delson's phone was tapped by the security services, plans to stay oo the run if the Government decides to prosecute him under the Official Secrets Act, writes Steve Boggan.

Speaking to The Indepen-dent yesterday from an undisclosed location in Europe, Mr Shayler, 31, said he believed he could not be extradited to face trial for revealing a series of

"I have to accept that I would be a fugitive," he said. "But oo other country has a law like the Official Secrets Act so I don't the lawsuit was revealed two think any court would allow me days ago when David Shayler, a to be seot back to Britain."



Mr Shayler infuriated the intelligence community by revealing details of farcical and

Munister without Portfolio.

Shayler: In hiding in Europe

the Mail on Sunday. He also criticised the culture of heavy drinking, bureaucracy and low morale within MI5. Among those who had been spied on by the secu-rity service was Mr Mandelson,

"I believe I have dooe nothing wrong in highlighting what was going on," he said yester-day. "These things should not have been happening.

"If the Government decides to make an example of me, then I will have to take legal advice to assess my position. I hope they just accept that I was right to highlight what MI5 were doing and use that information to arguably nunecessary bugging shake it up."

of £34,890 each from the Libyan the former Ghanaian ambassador to Peking, in November 1994, and £10,000 from a Yousif Ibrahim in December 1994. She bas satisfied Alan Rus-

bridger, her editor, that she was acting "innocently" in a personal capacity and so will not face disciplinary action. She has allowed Mr Tsikata to pay sums of mooey into her account for many years. It is understood he had a child at public school in England and did not want to pay fees directly to the school.

The use of her account for the legal action is being seen at The Guardian as an extension of that arrangement. A spokes-woman at the newspaper refused to comment on the appropriateness of one of its senior executives becoming involved in a libel action against

another publication. Mr Tsikata sued the publishers of The Independent after a report in 1992 about a public inquiry into the execution of the judges. The Court of Appeal up-held The Independent's argu-ment that a fair and accurate report of the inquiry's pro-ceedings was covered by qualified privilege. Last month, Mr Tsikata was refused leave to appeal against this decision at the House of Lords. His solicitors intend to proceed to trial with

the argument that The Independent's publication of the re-port was "malicious". Ms Brittain is seeking legal advice over the possibility of su-

Shooters to sue over gun ban

between the public interest in

a ban and the protection of the

fundamental rights of iodividuals and husinesses, he said. There were no domestic reme-

dies available, be added.
"If the Government chooses

to deprive an entire industry of

its property - namely its ability to trade and the fruits of that

trade - and individuals of the right to enjoy a leisure activity, it should provide proper com-

pensation. In respect of economic

interests and loss of amenity, it

He said the Commissioo was

expected to take about 18

months to consider the claims.

Its options included rejecting

the applications or passing them to the European Court of Ho-

man Rights, which would take

up to five years to hear the case.

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the European Convention of

Human Rights. The lobby

claims the compensation scheme devised by the Gov-

erriment did not take into ac-

count the loss of busioess,

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The guo lobby has claimed

that the 1997 amendments to

the Firearms Act will not have

an effect oo gun-related crime.

It has pointed to the exam-

ple of murderers and robbers

who were rarely registered with gun clubs, claiming that sports-

men would suffer because of the

package for gun owners was ap-proved by Parliament in June

ahead of the ban on larger cal-

A £150m compensation

shooters.

legislation_

The claims are based oo Ar-

has provided absolutely nothing, id Mr Whitton.

Political Correspondent

The firearms lobby will today launch legal action against the Government, claiming com-pensation, which could run into hundreds of millions of pounds, for the ban on the ownership of

Although the group is not challenging the legality of the ban, it is asking the European Commission oo Human Rights to judge whether the compensation package offered by the Government is adequate.

A legal team, representing all sectors of the firearms industry, will lodge the application today, claiming compensation for loss

of business and amenities. The move does not attempt to challenge the Firearms Act. which was enacted after the Dunblace school massacre in March last year, when 16 children and their teacher were killed. However, the group has described the Government's compensatioo package, passed by Parliament io June this year, as "woefully inadequate and

Six applications will be lodged by The Firearms Industry Compensation Group, and will come from an un-named individual shooter, two wholesalers, two gun clubs and

a manufacturer. Michael Whitton, of Edwin Coe, the firm of solicitors acting for the group, said that if the action was successful, it would clear the way for "hundreds, possibly thousands" of compensatioo claims.

Although the prohibition itself was not being challenged,

a fair balance must he struck QUICKLY Montserrat in crisis A new steering committee was set up to oversee the crisis in

Montserrat last night amid deepening anger over the handling of the affair. Page 6 Berlin Wall sentence Egoo Krenz, East Germany's last hardline communist leader,

was whisked off to jail yester-day after being sentenced to six and a half years for the deaths of refugees trying to escape over the Berlin Wall. Page 10 Pizza galore Supermarket pizzas have turned into Britain's conve-

nience food of choice: in the past five years sales have dou-bled to turn them into a £241ma-year business.

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ibre handguns which came into force on 1 July. The Government said at the time that

claims could be processed within 18 months from 1 July,
Last night, a Home Office spokesman said that in the light of the Duoblane tragedy it was clear that only the strictest firearms laws could provide proper public safety.

The Government has an

overwhelming mandate for gun cootrol. The compeosation package for gun owners was approved by Parliament on 9 June, 1997, and obviously it entails a careful balancing act in paying compensation to those affected and cootrolling public expenditure," he said.

A leading anti-gun cam-paigner. Ann Pearston, last night said that if the case succeeded it would amount to the writing of a blank cheque frum taxpayers. Companies were not normally compensated for the commercial impact of legislative changes and they should not be in this case, she said.

When the health and safety regulations are changed, the Government isn't obliged to compensate, because it is about public safety. This is about public safety. They are being compensated for their assets, but to compensate them for this would write an open cheque. Why should they set such a prece-

dent?" she asked. The Tory Government had tried to introduce less stringent legislation, but it ran into trouble because of a rebellion by its own pro-gun MPs. When Labour came to power it promised, and passed, a total

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The poem that stops Chris Smith's clock

Rob Brown

Chris Smith, Britain's first Clocks". openly gay Cabinet minister, reremain up froot about his sexuality yesterday when he revealed his favourite screen moments at the Edinburgh International Television Festival.

If he were to be cast adrift oo a desert island with only one thing to watch, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport would choose the scene m Four Weddings and a Funeral

W H Andeo's "Stop All The

"This is the bit that always affirmed his determination to moves me wheo I see it," Mr Smith told an audience of television executives gathered in the General Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland, an institution which has never celebrated sexuality of any sort, least of all

homosexuality. The minister also voiced regrets about allowing a newspaper recently to probe but about his personal life. He dewhere the actor John Hannah scribed the interview in the publicly mourns his male lover Sunday Times as his "most un-

with an emotional recital of comfortable experience" with nothing against robust political landed a BBC documentary the press since taking office in interviews when be picked series about mountaineering

Simoo Sebag-Moutefiore had "come along and asked me Secretary Michael Howard as ment to keep the "crown jewthe most personal of questions, which I think he wouldn't have dreamed of asking any other member of the Cabinet." (Mr Smith was asked to name which of his Cabinet colleagues be most fancied.)

hindsight I should have."

ooe of his all-time television favourites. But be said the most conventional free-to-air televipowerful interview he had seen in recent years was Melvyn Bragg with Dennis Potter shortly before the controversial television playwright died from Reflecting on the experience yesterday, be said be had contemplated stopping the interview, adding: "I think io

Mr Smith also paid tribute to talks with the Motion Picture ITN's coverage of John Smith's death. A keen hill climber - he at ensuring that British cinemaindsight 1 should have."

used to bag Munros with the goers get the chance to view He swiftly stressed that he has late Labour leader - Mr Smith more British films.

inquisition of former Home

Jeremy Paxmao's releotless entitled The Edge.

shoot-out in Euro 96. The man in charge of reviving the British film industry also revealed that be is engaged in talks with the Motion Picture

He reiterated his commit-

els" of British sport oo

sion by selecting a clip from the

England v Germany penalty

significant shorts

Air-filled waders keep fisherman afloat 19 hours

A man whose boat overturned during a fishing trip was rescued after spending more than 19 hours in the water - using his air-filled waders to help him float. But his son, who was with him on the boat, was yesterday still missing.

John Brodie, 43, of Rossendale, Lancashire, was picked up by

the Royal Air Force Valley rescue helicopter one and a half miles off Llandndno, North Wales, after being was spotted by a member of the public who notified the coastguard at Holyhead and Llandudno. Mr Brodie, who was fishing with his son, Charles, 23, said their cabin cruiser, Chaz's Dream, overturned on Sunday afternonn. He had spent more than 19 hours in the water.

Rescue teams were last night intensifying the search for his son, concentrating on the area off Little Orme's Head, up to five and a half miles offshore and up to the coastline. Jim Paton, District Controller at Holyhead Coastguard, said: "We are delighted to have found the father. He is a remarkably lucky man. The search will now continue for his coas." will now continue for his son."

Thomas, 12, may have known killer

Detectives were yesterday investigating the possibility that schoolboy Thomas Marshall may have known his killer. Police said they were following "genuine lines of inquiry" and thought the key to the case might lie in or near Thomas's home village of Happisburgh, Norfolk. But a spokesman stressed that police were keeping an open mind about the killing – including the possibility that Thomas, 12, may have been abducted by a paedophile.

Thomas disappeared from his home at around 6pm on Thursday. His body was discovered 50 miles away in a picnic area off the All near Thetford a day later. He had been strangled. His mountain bike was found lying by a road at East Ruston, shout four miles from his home. Thomas had told his parents, John and Carol, that he was going to visit a friend in Eccles. But they were told that he had never arrived. Detective Superintendent Les Parrett, who is leading the investigation, said officers were trying to locate as many of Thomas's friends and associates as possible. They were also considering the possibility that the killer had dumped Thomas's hike and taken his body to Thetford to lay e false trail.

Jackson's charity under scrutiny



Heal the World, the charity set up by superstar Michael Jackson (left), was under scrutiny yesterday after the Charity Commission found a 'significant" amount of its United Kingdom income went on edministration. The singer's international charity was set up in 1992 in a with the aim of raising £60m in a year. In June this year Channel 5's What's The Story programme revealed that the charity had not made a single charitable donation in

the past three years. Richard Fowler, president of Heal the World International, said then that the UK charity had been made semidormant to cut costs, but would soon be revived.

A Charity Commission spokeswoman confirmed that the accounts of the organisation had been studied and that contact would be made with Heal the World. "Some charities do have high start-up costs through the nature of what they do and obviously we have to make sure we have to make sure that money is being spent on the purpose that the charity was set up for," she said.

Wedding guests in E.coli outbreak

Health officials tackling an outhreak of E. coli food poisoning were yesterday trying to track down hundreds of guests at a wedding reception after discovering that many of them work in the catering industry. Birmingham's director of environmental services, Ian Coghill, said: "We know at least 30 of the guests at the wedding work in the food industry and we are worried about the potential for the infection to be spread to others."

The source of the outbreak has been traced to a lamb disb served at the reception held at Swanshurst Girls School in the city earlier this month. Mr Coghill said that 600 people had been contacted since the outhreak began, but more than 1,400 are believed to have attended the wedding. Two of seven children affected by the potentially fatal bug after the wedding reception remain "stable" in Birmingham's Children's Hospital. The others have been released.

Over-60s stay with private health

The abolition of tax relief on private health insurance for the oversixties has not led to the mass exodus insurers predicted, Government sources said yesterday. Reports yesterday estimated as many as 100,000 people had given up their private medical cover since the Chancellor Gordon Brown announced the cuts in the July Budget. However, a Health Department spokesperson dismissed the figure as "fantasy".

The relief, granted at 23 per cent of the basic rate of tax, had cost the Treasury £140m a year, according to Mr Brown. The Conservatives claimed this saving would be wiped ont as more elderly people gave up their premiums and opted to use the NHS. But the spokesperson said that the Chancellor would be pouring £1.2bn into the NHS over the coming year, adding that the Government hed no indication that waiting lists had been affected by the Chancellor's move. A spokesperson for Bupa, the higgest health insurance company, commented that not as many patients as projected were dropping their cover. A spokesman for PPP Healthcare said that one in two people were expressing concern at the rise in premiums, but an exact figure had not been established at how many would give up.

Correction

The article headined "light, you lovely little near" in y stering's Independent gave the impression the first incident described took place during the parachute selection course. The incident described actually occurred during a final exercise at Sandhurst. Dr Bellamy never trained with the Parachute Regiment.

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Woman walks free after making false rape claim

British mother of four escaped being jailed in Cyprus yesterday when a judge lined her £400 for falsely claiming that she had been raped. Suzanne Warburton, 30, and her boylnend, Paul Shearsmith, 26, who was fined the same amount, had been wanted by the British High Commission in Cyprus that they could expect jall sentences.

The same judge, Michalis Christodoulou, then lined three other British tourists almost the same to-

tal amount for falsely reporting that they had lost a

watch:
Obtaine the court; Ms Warburton showed no signs of stress and smiled and joked with her boyfriend as they, waited to pay the fines. "It's a great relief to be going home;" she said.
Only two weeks ago, the same district court at Larnaca; sentenced a 22-year-old Irish woman, Annette Mangan, to four months in Nicosia central prison for making similar false charges of rape.

Ridge Christologica told the couple, from Stockoot. Judge Christodoulou told the couple, from Stockport,

serious offence and that an innocent man had his name smeared so they could try to claim insurance money.

The judge said there was a need for deterrent enterices in such cases, but added that he was taking Into account their clean record and that their admission of lying to police had prevented an innocent man ed as if we'd killed someone," he said. from being arrested.

Last Thursday, Warburton and her boyfriend went to police claiming she had been raped by the son of the notel owner where they were staying just outside.

Police became suspicious because the couple had

taken so long to file the complaint, and had only done so just a few hours before their plane was due to leave Yesterday, Judge Christodoulou said that bogus in-

surance claims by tourists on the island were out of control, with police receiving between 30 and 40 false claims per day.

Civil engineer Chris Barker, 30, from Sutton, Surrey, his girffriend, Kirsty Sales, 24, e secretary from Wallington, Surrey, and their friend Margaret Fernandez, 30, from Middlesex, were fined £250 each for trying to claim insurance money for a stolen watch worth

Barker said Miss Sales had retracted her verbal complaint five minutes after making it to police, but was lice were hostile, banging desks and chairs, and saying she would go to prison if they didn't confess to the failse claim.

"It was a silly thing to do and petty, but you hear all

Lisa Potts makes her debut on the airwaves

Lisa Potts, the former nursery nurse who became a national heroine when she saved primary school pupils from a machete ettacker, made her debut as a radio presenter yesterday. The 22-year-old (right) hosted

the two-hour mid-morning show on WABC Classic Gold, a local station based in her home town, Wolverhampton. After the show, the station,

which broadcasts across Shropshire and the Black Country, said it had been flooded with calla aupporting Miss Potts, who was awarded the Georga Medal earliar this year for her hravery.

Mike Wyre, who works as a DJ for the station and helped show Miss Potts how to operate studio equipment, said: "She did very well indeed. She's gof a natural had lots and lots of phone calls from the public praising Lisa -she's had a really warm re-

Miss Potts, who clearly enjoyed the first of her scheduled four days at WABC, ended her first stint at the microphone by thanking the hundreds of listeners she chatted to off-air, as hits from the 50s to the early 80s were played.

WABC's afternoon show presenter, Mike Baker, said: "Sha thoroughly anjoyed it and sha's



looking forward to the challenge of tomorrow. Sha got hundreds of calls wishing her good luck and a few proposals of marriege.

"She was obviously a little nervous at the beginning, but she was relaxed by the end and she made a good start."

In July last year, Miss Potts tackled Horrett Campbell, when he entered the playground of St Luke's Primary School in Wolverhampton and slashed at children

enjoying a teddy bears' picnic.

The former nursery assistant sustained injuries to her head, arms and back as she tried to shield children from 33-year-old Campbell, who was later ordered to be detained in a mental hospi-

Labour demands explanation from bank chief

Labour last night demanded an explanation from the governor of the Bank of Scotland, Sir Bruce Patullo, after anti-devolution campaigners claimed him as one of their

Last week, Sir Bruce publicly criticised plans to give the Scottish Partiament tax-raising powers. Yes-terday the Think Twice campaign listed him, along with Sir Donald Mackay, the former chairman of Scottish Enterprise, as a "known sceptic" on devolution.

A Labour Party spokesman said that Sir Bruce must "make his position clear".

"He must make clear whether or not ha la in the ranks of Think Twice - or is ha prepared to come out openly and say is very angry that the Think Twice campaign has tried to hijack him?" the spokesman asked

Sir Bruce could only continue to speak on behalf of his bank and other businesses if he did so as an independent figure, he said.

Sir Bruce was not available for immediate comment yesterday, but Brian Monteith, co-ordinator of the Think Twice campaign, said the list had been issued purely as a guide that journalists might find useful. "Ha has nothing to do with us,"

he said. "All we are doing is providing a list of names."

The 1990s - a decade of poverty and upheaval

Memories of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s are dominated by music and fashion, but the 1990s are summed up by unemployment and moral decline, a report claims today. The present decade is seen as the dreariest in living memory, characterised by lack of money, fear of job losses and the disintegration of the social fahric. In contrast, people remember earlier decades as an exciting time of innovative music, hippies, free love, space exploration, min

skirts and flared trousers Impressions of the 1980s include the "loadsamoney" economic boom and the political dominance of Margaret Thatcher, with fashion and music still high up on the list, according to the survey

of 2,000 edults, by global investment managers Templeton.

A Templeton spokesman, Ken Nicholson, said it may be that bad memories faded with time, so the 90s would ultimately be remembered for more positive reasons. "Clearly it's the sounds and

the visual images that dominate over time.

"The big question is, in 20 years, will we have forgotten the rise of the Internet, John Major, unemployment and the recession and

simply remember Brit Pop and the Spice Girls?" The findings emerged from a guide which the company compiled to track whether world events such as wars and the moon landing had any effect on the financial performance of investments.
"The conclusion was they didn't," said Mr Nicholson.

"Just as the global events of the past 40 years have faded in people's memories, they have also had little lasting impact on longerm investment values

ENVIRONMENT

Climate change threatens bears

Thousands of polar bear cubs could be killed by a dramatic temperature rise in the Arctic, which is melting their dens and destroying their food, environmentalists warn today.

A North Pole expedition by environmentalist group Greenpeace revealed an "alarming" rate of global warming which could threaten the existence of the polar bear and other unique Arctic

Expedition leader Steve Sawyer told PA News from the group's boat on the Arctic Ocean: "There is so little ice here we cannot tell the difference between the ocean and the North Sea. It is very

"The early Spring thaw has meant polar bear dens have collapsed, potentially smothering cubs or exposing them to harsh Arctic weather too soon. The reduction in ice affects the entire ecosystem, from seals to fish, which is the bears' food." Dr Vera Alexander, an expert on ice-edge ecology at the University of Alaska, involved in the expedition, said: "The continued decline of sea ice

will affect the production of algae, which lives beneath the ice and forms the very base of the Arctic food chain.

"Without the algae, there would be no possibility of a food chain as we know it, affecting fish, seals and polar bears."

Greenpeace is calling for a halt to expanding oil industry in the Arctic regions, which it claims is damaging the



NHS

Casualty staff at risk of violence

Hospital casualty staff face the threat of violence on a daily basis. A five-hour snapshot of seven of the UK's leading accident and emergency departments carried out for the Press Association, found that verbal and physical abuse of medical staff was widespread. The findings have been given to Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health.

The findings come as Britain's biggest union, Unison, prepares to issue safety guidelines to health workers in a bid to curb the rising tide of workplace violence. New figures, due to be released by the union later this week, show nursing staff and social care workers are most likely to experience violence at work.

Of the 579 new criminal injury compensation claims dealt with by the union over the last six months, 165 were made by nurses following attacks at work and 157 from social care workers. Mr Dobson has promised to take a tough line on patients who

abuse A&E staff.

MOTORING

Driving a hard bargain

Bargain hunters who spent the bank holiday looking for a used car may well end up disappointed, according to a report. For one in four huyers, their cherished motor is not what they expected, says a survey by Yorkshire Bank.

The holiday weekend is a peak period for second-hand buyers,

but too many have their priorities wrong, it adds. Some 56 per cent are influenced by whether the car has good hodywork, as opposed to 21 per cent who put the engine at the top of their checklist.

Only 12 per cent of buyers say they would commission a vehicle inspection report from an independent assessor, and 46 per cent refy on a second opinion from a friend or relative.

Yorkshire Bank spokeswoman Helen Kettleborough, said: "Cars

represent a significant spend and so the survey findings ere quite alarming. It seems thet many buyers make very little attempt to check not the car and its history and as a result, run the risk of ending up with a vehicle which doesn't match their expectations." One in eight owners give their car e name, according to the bank. The survey showed most cars are "female", with names such as Betsy, Bessie and Lucy topping the list of favourites.



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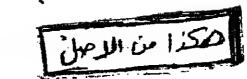


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Frozen supermarket pizzas have turned into Britain's convenience food of choice: in the past five years alone sales have doubled to make the easy tele-vision dinner into a £241m-ayear business

In Italy, they are freshly baked works of culinary art. In Britain, we seem to prefer them cling-wrapped from the freezer. A report published yesterday revealed Britons are eating more than 66,000 tons of frozen pizza a year.

Datamonitor, an industry analyst, said: "Family meals are out, snack culture is in, and pizzas are providing to be a choice of snack or dinner."

Strong advertising, changing lifestyles and innovation had contributed to the giant growth in business, a spokesman from the company said.

San Marco is the most pop-ular brand, followed by McCain, Goodfellas and Chicago Town. But supermarket own brands account for 40 per cent of the

At shops in the Asda chain, for instance, they will compile you a customised takeaway pizza while you wait. Pineapple and ham is by far and away the winning combination. Anchovies are largely shunned. The stores try to be flexible. "If someone asked for marshmallows, we'd go and get some from the

shop," a spokeswoman said. She estimated that they sold more than 40 million customised pizzas a year and douhle that io frozeo ones. "They are incredibly popular," she

Some ready-made pizzas are very good, according to The Independent's food writer Annie Bell. Others are "abominations,



Slice of life: In the last five years, sales of frozen pizzas have doubled to £241m - Britons now eat more than 66,000 tons of them a year

Created by the Neapolitans and better for you than fish and chips

restaurant in Abergavenny,

Gwent, with her Italian husband

deced that anyone wanted to

buy pizza.
"It's just so easy to make,"

she said. "To make bread is a

How they are made The Americans like to claim the pizza for their own. But it is with taly that the dish is most often associated.

Though using bread as a plate has been commonplace for centuries, it seems it was the Neapolitans who topped a disc of bread with cheese and tomato and created the pizza as we know it.

They were assisted by an

pure stodge and very nasty.

The main thing is that we still

treat pizzas as though the whole

crust is what matters," she said.

baked in a proper wood-fired

bread oven or on stones, "It will

The perfect pizza should be

abundance of large, sweet, red tomatoes grown from seeds brought from Peru by two Jesuit priests. And though pineapples are a favourite ingredient these days, purists claim the toppings in an authentic pizza stem only from what is available fresh in Italy - such as mozzarella, anchovies and tuna.

A proper Italian pizza has a crust made of flour and yeast with no fat. The dough should be

have no flavour at all if it's just

a manufactured hread hase

baked in an ordinary oven," Ms

markets are catching on to this.

Some are even importing their

Ann Taruschio, who runs the

crusts from Italy now."

kneaded by hand or mixers that do not overheat it and punched, again by hand, into a disc no larger than a dinner plate. The base is baked directly on the base of a wood-fired oven heated at temperatures up to 800F. It certainly should not be

All Ingredients should be tresh and the mozzarella should be worked by hand. Cutting it with a knife may leave a metallic taste.

pleasurable."

Simon Hopkinson, The In-

dependent's Saturday magazine

chef and founder of London's

How healthy are they?

Food critics may have their culinary objections, but pizza is not necessarily a bad addition to the family diet.

Too much cheese will plie on the calories and the cholesterol. But a topping of vegetables or prawns or tuna would prove a relatively healthy option. Pizza bases contain carbohydrate, but a thin-crust would be acceptable. Deep-pan bases contain more fat. Pizzas fare well compared with kebabs, fish and chips and burgers, all of which are high in fat, salt and sugar content.

renowned Walnut Tree Inn very satisfying thing. Then you Bibendum restaurant, was also appalled at the thought of so can put your toppings on - if many supermarket pizzas going you have a family, the children lows on from the microwave,"

> "Pve had takeaway pizzas we all have sudden cravings. But

Charity to study need for drug law change

A "long overdue" inquiry into the effectiveness of the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act was an-oounced yesterday by an inde-pendent research charity.

The Police Foundation study will be carried out by a committee that will include Simon Jenkins, former editor of the Times, and leading lawyers. academics and police officers expert in drugs law.

They are expected to focus on whether the law oeeds to be changed in the light of a growing drugs culture and the Government's commitment to tackle drug-related crime. Members will take written and oral opinions from experts.

Other charities, including the Prince's Trust, will fund

the two-year inquity. Barrie Irving, director of the Foundation, said: "Youth culture and the drugs issue have moved on since 1971.

"We realise that this is a sensitive field but independent and objective review is long overdue. Legislation is designed for a particular time and set of problems. Periodic review is essential.

The 12-member committee is expected to look at the original aims of the Act and to decide whether to propose any revisions to the law.

Photograph: John Lawrence

I've never bought a supermar-

ket pizza and I don't think any-

cookery books in their millions

(and he is about to add to the

pile with one of his own), Mr

Hopkinson believes that they

could be coffee table acces

sories. "I don't think people cook from them much. I think

we're losing our way deeply in

ue of shop-bought fast food. "I

go to Marks and Spencer and

buy the chicken tikka masala be-

like them because they're well

is probably quite delicious, too.

But it doesn't bear any rela-

tionship to the one you eat in

a café in Naples."

Yet he does recognise the val-

terms of cooking," he said.

Although people are buying

one has re-heated me one."

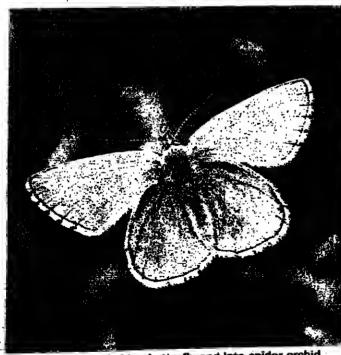
Its chairman, Viscountess Runciman, who also heads the Meotal Health Commission, said the purpose was not to pave the way for the gradual decriminalisation of drugs, "The inquiry is not a lobbying exercise on behalf of any of the positions on this subject," she said.

"It is certainly not a covert attempt to smooth the path to legislation. Neither is it a device designed to bolster a law that may be perceived as failing to best serve those it is meant to

She added: "Clearly there are a range of views on the misuse cause it's delicious. I think their of drugs and we intend to consult widely with those who have prawn cocktail is quite good. I experience in the area.

> that one task would be to examine what decriminalisation and legalisation of drugs would

Chunnel helps Garden of England blossom again



Thriving: The adonis blue butterfly and late spider orchid



Photographs: Stephen Davis/English Nature

Stephen Goodwin Hentage Correspondent

After rearranging a sizeable part of the Kent coast, Eurotunnel is making its peace with Mother Nature and winning plaudits. This week the com-pany that moved enough sand and tunnel spoil to fill 10 Wembley stadiums will get an award for its efforts on behalf of a rare orchid and an iridesceot blue butterfly

The escarpment overlooking the tunnel terminal near Folkestone is one of the largest remaining areas of unimproved not ploughed or chemically treated - chalk downland in Kent In 1990 it was in a poor slate. Without animals to graze it, coarse grasses were rampaut and motorcycle scramblers were cutting through the thin

Some 666 acres of the escarpment is designated as a site of special scientific interest and of that 133 acres is owned by Eurotunnel Developments land the company acquired before building the tunnel but not needed for its operations.

haps and to foster goodwill, Eurotunnel has taken a leading role in funding the White Cliffs Countryside Project. The £40,000 it has put in each year has helped pull in other partners from the private and pub-lic sector and a £240,000 contribution from the European Regional Development

The transformation that has been brought about by the project on the escarpment since 1989 has been remarkable and this week Eurotunnel's contri-

Eurotunnel has given £40,000 a year to the project

bution will be recognised by the 1997 SSSI Award from English Nature.

Sensitive management, getting the land grazed by cattle and easing out the scramblers, has enabled rare plants to flourish, ootably the late spider or-chid. There are probably only about 300 of this particular pink and brown orchid in the conntry and between 20 and 30 per cent of them are on the Eurotunnelland. Before the project began they were in danger of being swamped by coarse grass.

Dave Johnson, project and estates manager for Eurotunoel Developments, said the oumber of plant species on the escarpment had recovered from three or four per square metre a few years ago to be-tween 20 and 30. "We like to think we are doing our bit to improve nature conservation and public access, not just oo our own land but across the WCCP area," he said.

The adonis blue butterfly

has prospered too. According

to Stephen Davis of English Na-

ture, its recovery has been

"fantastic". The caterpillars

feed on the yellow-flowered horseshoe vetch, but this too

needs the chalk grassland to be

grazed. "The adonis blue had

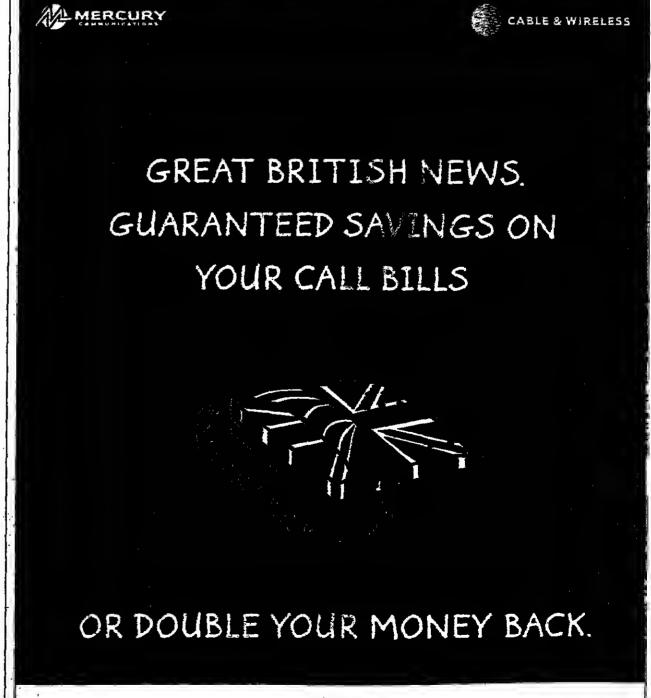
become really scarce and now

there are thousands of them,"

Mr Davis said. This month the

butterfly is at its most numer-

Access has been improved and the WCCP run story-telling walks, including over the erroneously named Caesar's Camp a Norman hill fort offering a panoramic view of the tunnel terminal and, once again, a glimpse of the adonis blue.



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HIV test clue to Gulf veterans' illness

Ian Burrell

Sick Gulf veterans are increasingly concerned that the cause of their illness may be related to a substance used in experi-mental inoculations designed to give protection against HIV.

The veterans fear the synthetic compound, traced in former soldiers by American scientists, was given on the orders of defence chiefs to stimulate their immune system to fight off possible chemical and hiological artacks.

But instead it may have wreaked havoc with their immune systems, leaving them suffering from the dehilitating conditions they are now reporting.

Tests done in American laboratories found the compound squalene to be as prevalent in the blood of sick Gulf veterans as it is among patients involved in HIV-related experiments, where the compound is part of

their medication. Tony Flint, of the National



Danger zone: Many who fought in the Gulf conflict fell ill later

Gulf Veterans and Families Association, said: "Presumably it was intended to boost the immune system but because we had so many drugs pumped into us all at once it seems to have done the complete opposite and broken it all down.

He said he was anxious for British veterans to be subjected to similar blood tests as the Americans.

Before the start of the war. Gulf troops were given a series of vaccinations to protect them from yellow fever, tetanus, typhoid, cholera, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, rabies, anthrax and bubonic plague. Some soldiers say they

received up to 18 injections. Veterans claim that they still have not been told the contents of all the vaccinations they were given.

They have now written to John Reid, the armed forces minister, to ask whether any personnel were administered

In its synthetic form, squalene is used as an adjuvant, stimulating the body's immune system when mixed with other vaccines, in order to make those vaccines more effective.

It is not approved for use on humans except in the most experimental official tests designed to find cures for viruses such as HIV or herpes. One senior American gov-

ernment official told the Washington Times magazine this month: "I can't tell you why [squalene] is there, but there it is. And I can tell you this too, the sicker the individual the higher the level of antibodies for this stuff."

One of the researchers involved in the tests told the magazine: "We found soldiers who never left the United States hut who got shots whn are sick. and they have squalene in their

"We found people who served overseas in various parts of the desert that are sick who have squalene and we found people who served in the desert but were civilians who never got these shots who are not sick and who do not have squalene." Pamela Asa, a Tennessee-

based immunulogist who specialises in auto-immune diseases, has found that some adjuvants can have the sideeffect of imbalancing the body's immune system. She has carried out tests on

more than 150 sick veterans, 95 per cent of whom showed postive for synthetic squalene antibodies, which were not present in members of the public. Why they have squalene

have been given it I cannot say," she said. "They need some explanation.

The US Defense Department has now admitted that it has squalene in its experimental arsenal, but has denied that it was used in the Gulf.

The vaccine used in HIV experiments consists of HIV envelope - a genetically engineered piece of HTV DNA - along with an adjuvant of squalene and a non-ionic detergent.

In separate tests on Gulf veterans, Garth and Nancy Nicolson, California-hased immunologists, have found traces of the HIV envelope.

The envelope does not place the veterans at risk of contracting Aids.

Gulf troops were also exposed to organophosphale pes-ticide sprays used in an attempt to protect them from desert ests. There are also disputed claims that some soldiers came into contact with chemical weapons, possibly after Allied hombing of Iraqi munitions dumps.

This month Paul Carr, 30, who had heen a prominent campaigner on Gulf illness, became the 134th known British veteran to have died since the



The kept politician: how a judge called Haughey a liar and solved Ireland's great political mystery

It was "unacceptable" that a

Alan Murdoch Dublin

Charles Haughey may face prosecution for misleading a judicial inquiry at which he denied secretly receiving £1.3m from a supermarket magnate while he was 1rish premier between 1987 and 1991. In its damning report

yesterday the Duhlin tribunal investigating payments to politi-cians branded him a liar. The rish Director of Public Prosecutions will be sent documents nent Duhlin busion Mr Haughey's finances gathered by the inquiry into pay-ments by Ben Dunne when he was head of the Dunnes Stores.

Judge Brian McCracken, inquiry chairman, delivered a blunt verdict on Mr Haughey's conduct. He said that by first avoiding co-operating at all with the tribunal while denying he had received the Dunne cash, Mr Haughey's attitude "might amount to an offence"

under a 1921 law governing ev-

bunal has been unable to accept much of the evidence of Mr Charles Haughey," it said.

The 112-page report rejects the claims by Mr Haughey, who was Taoiseach four times

Cayman Islands nessman. Haughey said responsibility for

dealing with his

minister and Taoiseach should be supported in his lifestyle by such personal gifts. The tribunal verdict, confirming critics' views

between 1979 and 1992, that he was unaware that cash was being channeled to him from secret accounts in the

through his friend, the late Des Travnor, a promi-Traynor had full

personal finances. In an invitation to tax authorities to investigate the offshore cash movements, Judge McCracken said the tribunal believed the former premier "deliberately shrouded the gifts in secrecy to ensure that Revenue authorities

that Haughey was indeed "a kept politician", lifts the lid on the oldest mystery in Irish politics, namely: how Mr Haugh-'He deliberately shrouded the

> would never find out ey managed to lived like royalty on a limited ministerial salary. Mr Haughey's admission, months after the tribunal began, that he received the £1.3m.

numbered bank accounts and

transactions from Hong Kong

£1.3m gifts in secrecy to

ensure that the Revenue

highlights the inquiry's effectiveness in rooting out furtive

to the Isle of Man, and London to the Cayman Islands. Confronted with these facts, Mr Haughey admitted he lied to the tribunal and his lawyers. The report also opens the way

to the former transport minister Michael Lowry facing serious charges over tax evasion and breaching the terms of a tax amnesty by failing,

> government minister and chairman

of a parliamentary party can be seen to be consistently benefiting

from the black economy from shortly after the time he was first elected to Dail Eireann."

"It is an appalling situation that a

The amnesty breach alone could lead to a jail term of up to eight years and fines of up to twice the amount of tax evaded. Senior Dail members vesarising from the report.

terday called on Mr Lowry to consider his future as a mem-

ber of the Dail, Mr Lowry supplies refriger-ation services to Dunnes Stores, which effectively held complete control of his firm, with payments devised so as "to assist him in evading tax".

Dunnes paid for a lavish extension to Mr Lowry's country home in Tipperary. His earlier non-disclosure of his full finances to his party leader saw November from cabinet and the Fine Gael party.

The Taoiseach Bertie Ahern said the cabinet will on Thursday consider setting up another tribunal to examine other gifts to politicians outside the scope of the McCracken investigation. A permanent ethics commission is also likely. Apparently signalling an nminent tax crackdown, he said he expected state agencies to "take all necessary action"

MP in suicide row breaks silence

Suspended Labour MP Tommy Graham yesterday broke his silence to appeal to the media to leave him alone. The MP for West Renfrewshire has not been seen in public since the sui-cide of fellow Labour MP Gordon McMaster last month.

In comments relayed by his solicitor, Mr Graham denied that he was planning to stage a "tellall" press conference, and said he was considering legal action against some newspapers over "derogatory comments which

were completely unfounded".

Mr Graham was last week suspended as a Labour MP along with two other local party figures, and a far-reaching investigation was ordered into three local Labour parties, after the suicide of Mr McMaster brought to a head years of infighting and intrigue in party circles in Renfrewshire.

Weekend speculation that Mr Graham was considering a press conference to put his side of the events is thought to have caused consternation within Labour, at a time when the party believes it has weathered the worst of the Renfrewshire storm and can start concentrating on the devolution campaign.

But Mr Graham said yesterday that he would not be making any statement until the full inquiry into Renfrewshire politics had been completed by Labour's Chief Whip, Nick Brown. He urged others who wished to come forward and make a statement to do so then.

His solicitor, Iain Robertson, said the MP "absolutely denied" all the allegations against him, and welcomed the opportunity the inquiry would give him to clear his name. He also said Mr Graham - whose face appears on Tory anti-devolution posters - wanted to give full support to

the pro-devolution campaign.
"He would like the media to concentrate on the very important issues raised as he supports the 'Yes, Yes' vote and packs the party 100 per cent, Mr Robertson said.

Criticising media coverage of the affair, Mr Robertson went on: "Tommy feels that the derogatory tone of certain press articles not worthy of the serious exposure given. To that end be is taking advice from senior counsel with a view to raising proceedings for defamation against the newspapers concerned." Mr Robertson said be hoped

the media would respect the MP's wishes to enable him and his family resume "some form of normality". "He would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have expressed their support to him,"

Devolution leaflet floods post in Wales

The Government is spending £160,000 on the production and distribution of a leafler setting out the main points of proposals for a Welsh assembly to Wales's 1.2 million households.

Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, will this morning join Cardiff postmen for the first day's delivery. He said: "When I put the plans for Welsh devolution before the House of Commons 1 promised that people would be provided with an easily understood ver-

sion of the White Paper. The leaflet fulfils that promise and will enable voters to study the issues for themselves and make an informed choice when voting on 18 September."

Welsh Office minister Peter Hain is this morning visiting Flint in North Wales to meet postal workers preparing for the delivery.
The leaflet is being distrib-

uted by Royal Mail's door-todoor service. It provides neutral information in line with government guidelines. No government money has been given

campaign.
There was no Bank Holiday

respite from the devolution hattle in Wales, with campaigners from both sides seeking out the estimated 30 per cent of "don't knows" who appear to hold the key to the Ig September referendum.

New avenues are being explored. A "Women Say Yes For Wales" group is to be launched at Whitland, Pemhrokeshire, where a 10th-century reformer, Hywel Dda (Howell The Good), codified a

nanced women's' rights.

persuade more women to vote yes by setting a target of 10 converts for each enthusiast. One forcast: "By coming back to the place where women's' rights were born we can say that an assembly could bring genuine

equality." In Cardiff, 100 miles east, Mr Davies announced the publication of pro-devolution leaflets in eight minority languages. Wales has a long-established cosmopolitan population - in

Cardiff alone there are an es-timated 5,000 Somalis and size-The meeting agreed to try to able groups from the West Indies, Africa and the Far East.

"No" campaigners, who be-lieve that the former mining valleys of the south are fertile grounds for their cause, were out in Pontypridd and Merthyr Tydfil. In Powys, where sheep out number people by ten in one, farmers eyed the proposed assembly with traditional caution. They claimed that devo-lution would harm relations with Europe, but John Lloyd Jones, chairman of the Na-

tional Farmers' Union in Wales. remained neutral: "I am not

supporting either side."
The Confederation of British Industry in Wales is also leaving it to individual members to decide for themselves.

In the contest to win over celebrities, the "Yes" camp claimed rugby star Neil Jenkins to complement the capture of football international Ryan Gig-gs. Cricketers have yet to be brought on side, but there is still much to play for before stumps are drawn in a little over three weeks' time.

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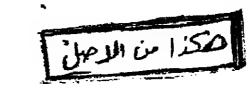




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Feeling unhappy about your life? Worried about your job prospects? Feel like a failure? Well, there's worse oews - you may suffer in the future for having thought that way. A study of middle-aged men has found that moping can be as bad for your heart as smoking 20 cigarettes a day.

According to research in Finland among 942 men, feeling like a failure or having an

the process of artherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. That, in turn, can lead to heart attacks or strokes.

The study found that people who reported high levels of "hopelessness" had a 20 per cent greater increase in the hardening of their blood vessels. This is the same magnitude of increased risk that one sees in comparing a pack-a-day smoker to a non-smoker," said Dr Su-san Everson of the Public Health Institute in Berkeley.

sults, published today in the American Heart Association's official journal.

The study backs up the idea that meotal attitudes can have definite physical effects. Dr Everson said it supports "the loog-held belief that giving up hope has adverse physical and mental consequences" The study asked the men to

rate their feelings of hopelessness on a three-point scale, of low, moderate or high. Ultrasound pictures then examined the

the extent of artery narrowing caused by artherosclerosis.

No clear explanation is offered for why worrying should

reduces their resiliency. Nor is it clear whether the effects are reversible, and whether smiling despite feeling

But Dr Everson hopes to set

Feeling like a failure may speed up hardening of the arteries'

increase hardening - which is gloomy cao make up for years caused by the accumulation of fat, cellular waste products, cholesterol and calcium on the up a study to investigate

about job or career prospects, or life in general - could also affect the immune system. The news appears to leave workers in the modern world with few comfortably healthy

niches. Last year, a Danish study of 2,465 bus drivers over seven years found that workload - as measured by the intensity of traffic on the drivers' routes - was the factor most strongly associated with death or admission to hospital with a heart attack. The incidence of death

with higher workloads was more than twice that in the group with low workloads. The British Medical Journal

warned at the time that "overwork can kill". But now it seems that worrying about work - or lack of it - can be bad too. Dr Everson said that more research is needed to determine what mechanisms and background underlie the latest findings. "We doo't know, for

example, whether some of these

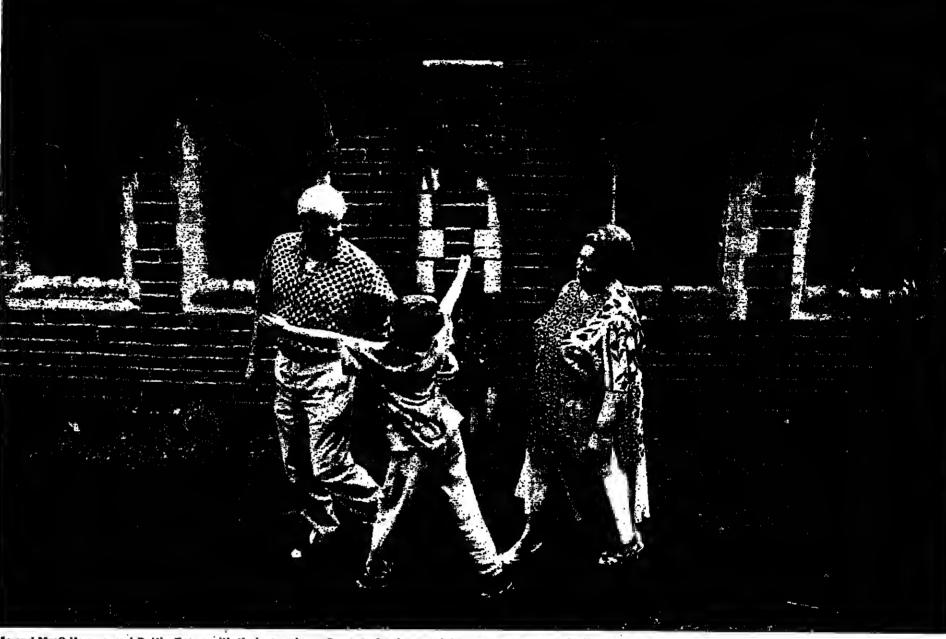
people had always felt like this.

that way for a long time then it might become a structure of

It is known that stress such as depression and anxiety can affect the production of various body hormooes. "These factors may be at play in individuals who are highly hopeless. she said. More work would be needed to identify "social, psychological and physiological factors that lead to hopelessoess, as well as the factors that may alleviate it.

Forty years of happiness ... in the marriage that never was





Mr and Mrs? Horace and Pattie Evans with their grandson, Greg. A vicar's oversight means that, technically, they are not married

Photograph: Rob Stratton

Clare Garner

Horace and Pattie Evans were delighted wheo their children announced that they were seeding them to Paris on a secood boocymoon. The trip would have been the perfect celebration of their ruby wedding anniversary. But when they applied for passports they discovered that they had been living in sin for the last 40 years. They were oever married in the first place -and oow

the church refuses to "remarry" them. Their devastating discovery came at the register office in Newport, South Wales, a few miles from where they tied the knot back in 1956. The registrar went to fetch the relevant documents, including a copy of their marriage certificate, and returned ashen-faced. "I don't know how to tell you this," she ventured. "But legally you're oot

The vicar who married them, at St Mary's Parish Church in Risca, by all accounts a conscientious man, had apparently failed to sign the certificate. "At first I laughed" said Mr Evans. "Forty years of living in sin and I've enjoyed every minute of it." Ironically, his wife, a dance teacher, had

always gone by her maiden name, Miss

Their daughter, Kathryn Price, 40, is both thrilled and horrified by the news. Ever since she was young, she has wanted to be a bridesmaid at her parents' wedding, and now it looks as if she may get the chance. However, she is less amused by another

"Dad said 'you know what that makes you oow ...', I said 'oh, doo't say that'."
Mrs Evans, 64, wants to have another ceremony for the sake of her two childreo and seven grandchildren.

"I know that they have been brought up in a different age, when marriage isn't like . it was when we got married, but lately I have felt it is oot right that we we're not married legally. I would never have lived with someone and oeither would Horace."

Their grandson, Greg Price, 10, says he would prefer them to be married "properly". "It feels kind of strange that Nan and Bampy aren't legally married. It feels that they are oot as close as we thought they

At this, Mr and Mrs Evans shrick with laughter. They have oever been closer, as Greg well knows. "The only place Nan goes without Bampy is work and the only place Bampy goes without Nan is to get his pension," Greg says.

Amid all the flights of fancy about whether the second wedding would be white, whether they would have a video of the service and so on, Mr Evans is genuinely concerned about the legal implications of

leaving the situation as it is. The vicar who married them has since died, and the present minister at the church is nonplussed about the prospect of

а тетпаттіаде "He said it wasn't necessary because we are married in the eyes of God," said Mr Evans. "But what about in the eyes oo the law? Solicitors and QCs can twist anything

these days." At 68, Mr Evans' health is not good. Eleven years ago he had a triple heart bypass and be is due for another operation. He cannot hear the idea that there might be questions about his wife's eligibility for

a widow's pension, should he die. A spokesman for the Church suggested that the couple seek legal advice. Norman Doe, a lecturer at the Cardiff Law School, said yesterday that the Evans should oot

"I don't know of any specific case of these being tackled judicially, but in the light of very basic principles about consent, no court would consider this marriage invalid."

it was felt more appropriate for

it to be referred to an outside

Prison. Rowe welcomed the inquiry hut expressed concern that the investigation would be

mounted by the police.

and see the facts.

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Pauline Smith, spokeswoman

for the M25 Three Campaign, said the decision was a mixed

blessing since the men had

already been promised that a

decision would be taken on

whether to refer their case to the

Court of Appeal before the

CCRC came into existence in

have read the papers and there are doubts, serious doubts, with

She said: "Obviously they

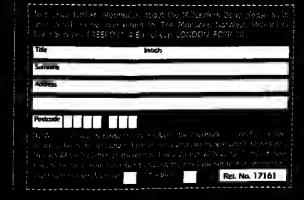
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Police to review evidence in M25 murder convictions

lan Burrell

An independent police inquiry was announced yesterday into the evidence which led to two men being convicted of a murder and a series of vicious robberies carried out close to the M25 motorway.

The Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) has asked Greater Manchester Police to review the original Surrey Police investigation into two members of the so-called "M25 Three". It is the first time that the newly formed CCRC has called for a new police investigation of a case.

One of the men, Raphael Rowe, said yesterday that he was concerned by the prospect of police officers investigating each other. The review may be his last chance of having the case overturned.

Greater Manchester Police will produce a report on the evidence against Rowe and Michael Davis which will be passed to the commissioners so that they can decide whether the case should be referred to the

Coulet of Appeal. The two men - along with Randolph Johnson whose case is not being reviewed - were



Raphael Rowe and Michael Davis: Maintain innocence

jailed for a brutal crime spree close to London's orbital motorway in 1988.

The series of robberies in Surrey, in which householders and motorists were tied up and beaten, included the murder of Peter Hurburgh, a hairdresser, who was stripped, battered and then doused in petrol. His

attackers stole £10. Rowe and Johnson were not identified by the robbery victims or by Mr Hurburgh's partner Ahm Eley. There was no forensic evidence to link them to the

An earlier appeal in 1993 was



unsuccessful after judges ruled that undisclosed police ootes which cast doubt on the identity

"material irregularity". But the inquiry will include fresh representations from the meo and their lawyers.

of the attackers were not a

Andrew Myatt, a spokesman for the CCRC, said he could not predict the length of the investigation, which was the pair's remaining avenue to a new appeal bar a judicial

lice who dealt with the case but

"The fact that it is being in-He said: "We could have will take them to reach the right had it investigated by Surrey po-

vestigated can only be positive but on the other hand it is very frustrating that now it is 1997 and one wonders how long it

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Tempers rise over volcano island

Political Correspondent Phil Davison Belham Bridge, Montserrat

A new steering committee was set up to oversee the crisis in Montserrat last night amid deepening anger over the han-dling of the affair. Its chief min-ister, David Brandt, claimed yesterday that Britain wanted to "close down" the island.

There were suggestions that Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, was being relieved of responsibility for the volcano-hit islanders after bad publicity surrounding her role in the affair. However, officials at Ms Short's department denied this last night, saying that the Foreign Office had always heen in overall

The new committee, made up of officials from the Department for International Development, Home Office, Foreign Office,

'Our assistance strategy for Montserrat needs to be delivered speedily'

Ministry of Defence, Treasury and Bank of England, will meel for the first time loday. It will discuss resettlement packages for the islanders both in the region and in Britain, the development of infrastructure in the north of the island for those residents who choose to stay and assistance to the oearby island of Antigua, to which 3,000

Montserrations have fled. Last night Downing Street issued a statement from Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. Our assistance strategy needs to be delivered speedily and efficiently. That requires cooperation across Whitehall. The new committee will ensure

that the Government's fourpoint plan is implemented with-

A decision is also to be taken today on whether Ms Short's deputy, George Foulkes, will vis-it Montserrat. Mr Brandt has already suggested that he would

not be welcome. Last night Mr Foulkes refuted suggestions that the situation had been exacerbated by his misunderstanding of a scientific report. Il had been claimed that he had exaggerated the dangers of a massivery cataclysmic explosive eruption' which were in fact negligible.

"I quoted directly from the report... which said that the scientists had previously regarded the possibility of a cataclysmic eruption as negligible hul could not now rule il out," he

The Soufriere Hills volcano staged its higgest recent eruption a week yesterday, sending red hot ash, rock and gas into a valley less than two miles from an inhahited area. British scientists said there could be worse eruptions in the next few days, advised people to wear hard hats and warned them to be ready to "make an orderly exit"

Despite the warnings, only a handful of Montserrations left on a British-organised "voluntary repatriation" ferry to the nearby island of Antigua yesterday. Only a few dozen of the 4,000 remaining islanders from an original population of 11,000 - have left since the evacuation began on Saturday.

Mr BrandI said a new housing project backed by Jamaica "shamed the Mother Coun-

Britain had frozen its own emergency housing programme along with other projects, he said, despite pledges that those who chose to stay would be looked after.

"I have the impression Britain wants us all to leave, and to close the island down," Mr Brandt told The Independent. Test for Robin Cook's ethical

policy, page 11



Hideaway: Designed as a command post, the site includes 26 acres, a dummy lodge, the 9,000 sq ft bunker, and lots of barbed wire fencing

Still worried about nuclear oblivion? MoD bunker for sale: £100,000, pleasant location



Letters, page 13 Restricted entry: The main 328ft tunnel slopes gently from the 'lodge' to the bunker before reaching the heart of

Heritage Correspondent

Paranoiacs who believe that the likelihood of nuclear oblivion persists despite the end of the Cold War have only a few more days to gel in a bid for one of the most bomb-proof properties ever to come on the market.

The Ministry of Defence is selling a 25-room underground bunker set in 26 acres of hilitop overlooking. the Aberdeenshire coast. Buill in 1952 and fenced in with harbed wire, it appears to have been intended for use as a command post in the event of a nuclear war.

With an inscrutability worthy of the Cold War, the MoD will say only that it was "an emergency communications centre" However, the 328ft-inclined tunnel that leads into the

hillside from a dummy lodge

the facility suggests a pretty serious emergency was being catered for.

The 9,000sq ft bunker has bedrooms marked for all three services, dining rooms, a kitchen and a huge twostorey operations room. The surface "lodge" has been given a rural appearance. Stone-built, il has a slale roof and full-length veranda, However, the chain-link fence topped with barbed wire

rather spoils the disguise. David MacLeod, of Rydeo International Property Consultants, who is handling the sale, expects offers to exceed £100,000 although he concedes that the bunker is a bil of an unknown quality. He expects a closing date for hids to be set in about 10 days. "We have had several people indicate they are going to bid bul with a thing like this you are never sure bow it is going

to go," he said.

former fishing village of Inverbervie, oow a commuter dormitory for Aberdeen. The most valuable part of the property is probably the 26acres of farmland and a radio mast leased to Aberdeenshire Council also brings in £5,000

a year
While it is thought that
planning permission could be secured to turn the dummy lodge into a real home, living in the bunker itself would be impractical. Nor is consent likely for any more bousing on the land. Storage and a tourist attraction are among uses being considered by potential purchasers.

Visitors have been struck by how cold and airless the hunker is. A sign points to an "emergency exit" although if the suhterranean command post had ever been used in earnest it is hard to imagine anyone wanting to make a dash for the ouclear wasteland above.

Journalists fear police bid to black out green protesters

Media Correspondent

Journalists, photographers and cameramen believe that the police have adopted aggressive tactics with members of the media to stop them covering environmental protests.

A series of arrests of cameramen and photographers has prevented images of demonstrators being arrested getting to newspapers and broadcasters this year. The

National Union of Journalists (NUI) believes that the practice is on the increase even though most cases are thrown out of

Lasi week a cameraman from the production company Undercurrent was arrested with a group of protesters who had occupied the offices of Rank Leisure to prolest at the company's plans to huild an Oasis holiday centre in the Lyminge Forest in Kent.

"First they tried to arrest me

on suspicion of burglary," Roddy Mansfield said last week. When I showed them my NUJ card they took it off me and sked me to quote my PIN numher. Because I could only quote two of the numbers while being

held by two burly officers they of forging the press card. arrest these women protesters.

then arrested me on suspicion The plan was to sell the footage of these hyped-up tactical support group officers

Channel 4, has conducted its own survey of cameramen and

journalists who cover protests and believes that 15 have been arrested this year in the course of doing their joh. Most notorious was the case

Undercurrent Productions.

which makes programmes for

of Nick Cobbing, the only photographer to gel into the trees coming through the windows to at the Manchester Airport protest site. The rest of the press

Mr Cobbing got agreement from the climbers hired by the sheriff's department to stay in the trees and take photographs. When they asked him to come down with them he came down. But once he was back on the ground he was arrested by the

police for obstructing the sheriff's officers. They took my cameras and film and held me in a van at the erage of protests. "Bul anyone

But they seized my tape as was kept in a pen close to the site for two hours. Then they evidence." site and could not get drove me to Salford police site and could not get drove me to Salford police station where I was held for another 12 bours."

By the time he was bailed on condition that he did not return to the site and that be stayed in his London home every night - no newspapers could use his pictures of the arrests and so none appeared.

A spokesman for the Met-ropolitan Police said that there was no policy to stop media cov-

a photograph these days claims to be a journalist. It is up to the officer at the time to arrest whoever they think is breaking the law, it wouldn't matter whether they were a journalist or even

Tim Gopsill, of the NUJ, believes that the new kinds of protest, whether they be against new roads or treatment of veal calves, have brought new tactics from the police. "For a policeman to arrest a journalist while he is

who puts pen to paper or takes intention is to stop the protest being reported," he said. "The increased arrests we are seeing could be attributable to the changed nature of protests we see. People aren't marching in the streets, they are trying to obstruct

the things they oppose."
The NUJ has won sizeable compensation from the police for lost earnings by photographers who have been unable to sell their pictures because they have been arrested.

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NHS inquiry after claims girl died of overdose

land Police. Detectives were called in after a post-mortem ex-amination failed to reveal the exact cause of death. Further

tests were being carried out.
John Gibb, divisional manager of South Tees Hospital NHS Trust, said: "As well as cooperating with the police we are conducting our own inquiries. I believe a formal inquiry has been commenced." He would not comment on claims that Noorjehan, who had been seriously ill since she was six months old, had been the vic-

"She was only with us a short while and we are all extremely sorry that she died," he said. Noorjehan was admitted to

South Cleveland suffering from giant cell hepatitis and complications on 30 July while she was in the Middlesbrough area visiting relatives. Among her medication, she

had to be given 0.3mg of a drug called Tacrolimus twice a day. dissolved in water. Her parents say they saw a

nurse at South Cleveland using a syringe higger than usual, and expressed their concern to staff. Noorjehan's condition worsened with severe stomach pains and she was transferred to King's College on 6 Angust. She was given drugs but slipped into a coma and died.

Tests later revealed high levels of Tacrolimus in her blood. A doctor at King's College was allegedly lold by South Cleveland that there had been a misunderstanding over the dosage". According to the Express newspaper, staff had given her 3mg, instead of 0.3mg, of lacrolimus during the six days she was at South Cleveland.

DAILY POEM

I Saw a Jolly Hunter

By Charles Causley

I saw a a jolly hunter With a jolly gun Walking in the country In the jolly sun.

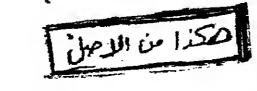
In the jolly meadow Sat a jolly hare. Saw the jolly hunter. Took jolly care.

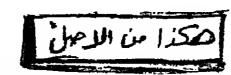
Hunter jolly eager – Sight of jolly prey. Forgot gun pointing Wrong jolly way.

Jolly hunter jolly head Over heels gone. Jolly old safety catch Not jolly on.

Bang went the jolly gun. Hunter jolly dead. Jolly hare got clean away. Jolly good, I said.

This week's Daily Poems celebrate the 80th hirthday of the Cornish poet Charles Causley. After wartime service in the Royal Navy, he returned to Launceston, where he has lived, taught in primary schools, and written ever since. Charles Causley's Collected Poems 1951-1997, which include some new and previously unpublished poems, are published by Macmillan (£20) and his Selected Poems for Children by Macmillan Children's Books (£5.99).





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Smoke signals: Labour denies caving in to lobbyists, as China puffs on regardless and US pays the price

Minister vows to stub out **sponsors**

Political Correspondent

The Government is determined to press ahead with plans to ban tobacco sponsorship, a minister insisted last night after reports that the proposals had been watered down in the face of lob-

bying by tobacco companies.
Tessa Jowell, the public
health minister, dismissed claims that there had been discord between her department and the minister of sport, Tony Banks, over the issue.

She said a white paper in autumn would set out the Government's plans in full and there would be legislation next ear to implement them.

The plans would be in place well before the next election. Suggestions had been made that the Government's stance was weakening after it was revealed £10m of sponsorship contracts would be allowed to run their course.

But Mrs Jowell said the Health Secretary, Frank Dob-son, had made it clear in May that sport would need a "period of grace" before the ban.
"We are negotiating with

sporting interests the way in which the ban will be introduced in order to ensure stability for greatly loved sporting events," she said

She had spoken to Mr Banks just before the parliamentary re-cess and he was completely in agreement with her views. "Tobacco advertising does actually induce people to take up smoking. If it didn't the tobacco manufacturers would not spend more than £50m a year advertising. If they want to go its higgest backing is given to on making anonymous dona- formula one racing.

tions by way of sponsorship to sporting interests then nobody going to stop them."

The executive director of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, former Tory MP John Carlisle, said Mr Banks had operated an "open-door" policy on the subject while health ministers had been less approachable.

"Mr Dobson and Ms Jowell tend to have taken an antagonistic attitude, demonising the industry, forbidden us from attending the big summit they had on July 14 and almost trying to punish us, and that, of course, we resent". The Government should look again at the issue of sports sponsorship, which cost between £8m and £10m and which affected darts, snooker, ice hockey and angling more than other sports.

"No one ever suggests and should ever suggest that people actually take up smoking because of what they see on sporting hoards throughout the country," he said. "We would beg the Government to think again on this matter. It's not a vast sum of money. It is an excellent relationship between the sponsor and the sport and sports themselves are crying out for additional help and

they may not find it elsewhere." The white paper will include plans to cut levels of smoking among young people and ban advertising of tohacco as promised in Labour's manifesto. It will also propose the banning of cigarette sales to the under-18s as well as new restrictions on smoking in public. The tobacco industry puts money into a number of sports hut



Coughing up: Suggestions have been made that the Government's stance was weakening after it was disclosed Photograph: Dario Mitidierl that £10m of sponsorship contracts would run their course but ministers deny it

Mary Dejevsky Washington

Florida yesterday became the

second state to reach a settlement with the United States' big to-bacco companies over liability for smoking-related illnesses, win-

ning a total payment of \$11.3bn

(£7.1bn). Florida had sued the to-bacco companies for \$12.3hn to

defray the costs of treating state-

assisted patients for lung cancer

and respiratory diseases associ-

ated with smoking. The money

The settlement, which was

announced as jury selection

was already underway in the case, was several times larger than the \$3.4bn agreement

reached between the companies

and the state of Mississippi last

month. Florida's governor, Lawton Chiles, hailed it as a tri-umph, saying that it entailed

"the largest monetary conces-

sions the industry has ever paid and the toughest prohibitions ever imposed on advertising

and marketing to children". Florida and Mississippi will

now be excluded from the so-

called "tobacco pact", an over-all national settlement reached

in June between the same group

of tobacco companies and the at-

torneys-general of 22 states. Their separate arrangement

will be payable over 25 years.

Peking counts profits from over a trillion cigarettes

The Chinese government owns and runs the biggest cigarette producer in the world, a situation which creates some interesting moments with Peking this week hosting the 10th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, and government ministers addressing delegates from around the world about Chievis believed efforts to halt China's belated efforts to halt a rising epidemic of tobacco-related deaths.

Why does the Chinese government tobacco monopoly not just simply stop producing cig-arettes, was the blunt question put yesterday to the Health Minister, Chen Minzhang, who had just warned that 100 million of Chinese males under the age of 30 were destined to die from tobacco-related diseases? "The tobacco industry in China is still a strong economic sector," Mr Chen admitted. Smokers "cannot quit smoking in a day" and there would still be a hig demand for cigarettes if China stopped production, he added.

While the Chinese govern-ment likes to point the finger at Western cigarette manufacturers and their advertising efforts on the mainland, in reality it is the government-produced cigarettes which account for almost all the tobacco smoked

The statistics for the state-owned China National Tobacco Corporation (CNTC) are mindboggling. Last year it produced and sold 1,700,000,000,000 cigarettes, about one-third of the world market or about the same number as the three largest multinational tobacco companies combined. CNTC employs 10 million Chinese farmers growing tobacco leaf, more than 500,000 workers in the industry, and 3 million retailers. CNTC is also itself becoming

Mr Bible's testimony, and

the Florida settlement, suggest

that the tobacco companies still

have their backs against the

wall, despite June's tobacco pact between 22 states and the

companies, which include Philip

Tohacco. Under that agree-

ment, the companies agreed to a total payment of \$368.5bu to

be distributed among the states

over 25 years, a new. stronger

warning on cigarette packets and

stricter regulation of tobacco ad-

vertising. In return, the compa-

nies received immunity from

not final. In particular, it has yet

to receive the approval of the

White House and Bill Clinton,

a crusading anti-smoker, has in-

dicated that he believes the fi-

That settlement, however, is

future class-action lawsuits.

Morros, RJR Nahisco and US

Florida wins billions in

deal with tobacco firms

means that the two states will

start receiving payments earlier, will know exactly how much

they are getting and will not have to compete with the others for

a slice of the overall settlement.

Florida disappointed some be-

cause it meant the issue would

not be fought out in court. However, it became almost inevitable

after Geoffrey Bible, the chief ex-

ecutive officer of Philip Morris,

the biggest US tobacco compa-

ny, accepted during pre-trial questioning last week that to-

bacco could cause fatal illness.

Asked if he accepted that

100,000 people might have died as a result of smoking, he said,

"maybe", and added that if it

were proved eigarettes caused

cancer, he would suspend the

company's eigarette production.

The out-of-court agreement in

According to the World Health Organisation, Chinese experi revenue from tobacco was US\$600 million in 1995. Further immediate economic benefit comes from domestic tax enues from tobacco, the largest single source of revenue for the government. Tobacco tailed raised 83 hillion yuan (£6.4 b) lion) in 1996, compared with 14.5 billion yuan a decade

How seriously should one therefore take Mr Chen and the Chinese government's protestations that they are doing their best to limit smoking? Yin Dakui, the vice-minster of health, yesterday pointed out that many cities in China ban advertisements for cigarettes "especially foreign cigarettes". The government is also op-posed to advertisements "in disguise" such as sports spon-

Why then is Marlboro the sponsor of the China National Soccer League, the most widely followed sports event in Chi-na? Sport, like cigarette production, is completely staterun on the mainland and the decision to choose Marlboro was thus made by a government department.

Similarly, China's statecontrolled propaganda machine is highly effective, and at the moment is making sure that even a peasant in a remote rural village knows that the 15th Communist Party Congress is soon upon us. But it seems to have forgotten to tell much of China about new rules implemented on 1 May this year banning smoking on all forms of public transport. During several weeks this summer travelling in western China, this correspondent failed to travel on one train or bus which was not thick with smoke, and even government officials in the region said they had never heard a leading exporter of tohacco. Of the new regulation.

nancial settlement ought to be

higher. The President was par-

ticularly displeased to find that

a new tax on cigarettes con-

tained in the just-passed Bud-get hill and designed to fund

health coverage for millions of uninsured children, could be set

against the agreed compensa-tion payments. This would con-

siderably reduce the cost of the

companies had resisted accept-

ing liability for smoking-related

illnesses. In March, however,

their united front was shattered

when the Liggett Group, one of

the smaller US producers, con-

ceded that smoking was addic-

tive and could cause cancer

and agreed to settle. While con-

tinuing to insist that they were not liable, the other companies

litical background is compli-cated by the fact that the US is

a major tobacco producer as

well as consumer. Several states,

especially in the south, depend on the tobacco industry for

jobs and revenue, and the com-

panies have heen impressive

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While what is often termed "big tobacco" in the US is fight-ing unprecedented social and political opprobrium, the po-

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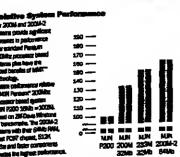
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MJN Interest Free Option

Washington

The Dow Corning Corporation yesterday officred a settlement worth an estimated \$2.4bn (£1.5bn) to women who claim they have suffered adverse effects from the company's silicone breast implants. The company said it would acknowledge that the implants can cause medical complications, but not disease.
Around 200,000 women

worldwide say they were injured or made ill by the implants. They could receive between \$1,000 and \$300,000, depending on the scriousness of their condition and medical costs.

\$2.4bn breast-implant offer Ed Blizzard, a lawyer representing the women, said the

compensation appeared to be insufficient and objected that

there had been no advance dis-

Cowboy humaur: A spoof of the Marlboro cigarette

ements, used in California's anti-smoking campaign

cussion with the committee representing the claimants.

He said the lawyers would not make any recommendation about whether the women should accept.
A Dow Coming representa-

tive said it was prepared to set-tle because it knew breast implants can cause local complications and in some cases, rupture". It does not accept they can cause disease. Without a settlement the company faces hankruptcy, hecause the amount of untstanding claims

will still be open. Any settlement has to be accepted by twothirds of women concerned. After that, the exact amount depends on how many accept.

Mr Blizzard singled out two
points that could militate

againsı agreement. First, the company would be able to deny one of the women's main claims - that the implants

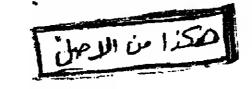
can cause disease. Second, Dow Corning's two parent companies would be absolved of responsibility.

Last weck one of them, the Dow Chemical Company, lost a lawsuit in Louisiana, where a jury ruled that it was "negligent in testing silicone for breast implants, lied about the risks and

conspired with Dow Corning to conceal the dangers". Damages have yet to be fixed in that

Dow Chemical is not in financial difficulty, and there is a view that any settlement with Dow Corning would not only be less advantageous to the women claimants, but let the parent companies off the hook. This plan provides a bail-out for Dow Chemical," said Mr Bliz-zard yesterday, "without them having to contribute a dime towards the plan."
So far, about 100,000 women

have settled claims with other breast-implant manufacturers. receiving between \$5,000 and \$100,000.



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Master craftsman: Matteo Napoli creating one of his extraordinary ice creams in his Salemo 'laboratory'. The fruit and vegetables stuffed with ice-cream are a speciality After the salt-cod gelato, what more can an ice-cream maestro produce?

Andrew Gumbel

In a modest shop just outside of Naples, an inventor is at work

It began with an announcement from the Italian bar and restaurant association; the discovery of the strangest icecream in the world. Somewhere in the Naples region, the association said in a note published last week, "it is possible to taste an unforgettable ice-cream

flavoured with - salt cod!" Who could be the inventor of this extraordinary gelato al baccala? And what oo earth did it taste like? A chase was soon on, leading, as it turned out, to the door of Matteo Napoli, icecream maker extraordinaire whose shop in an unassuming suburb of Salerno has a dedicated local following but is little known to the rest of Italy.

The salt cod is perhaps the least of the surprises awaiting the

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Matteo - as he insists on being called by one and all - said nonchalantly. "Why don't you look at the other things on offer?" The other things include rocket ice-cream, popcorn icecream, ice-cream with seafood

risotto, salmon ice-cream, celery ice-cream, fennel ice-cream, even ice-cream flavoured with short pasta and Borlotti beans. And that is not to mention the other 100-odd, more orthodox flavours, from chestnut to pomegranate to lemon, strawberry and chocolate, that Matteo Napoli has been working oo in his 54-year career. One might be tempted to

write off Matteo as a bit of a show-off, someone who is merely amused at the idea of putting preposterous ingredients into making that ooe since 1962," would be quite wrong.

nothing more than to watch his customers' faces break out into irrepressible smiles as they hite into his creations. For his icecreams are not only unusual, they also taste fantastic. The savoury confections take a bit of getting used to, but they are heautifully blended to win over

the most sceptical of tasters. "I don't have any secrets. My only trick is to use only the freshest natural ingredients with no artificial additives at all," Matteo said as he hegan a mouth-watering tour of his cavernous, hrightly lit shop and eveo larger kitchen, known as his "laboratory".

It soon became apparent that this is a very special place indeed. The curled, serrated custom-made for him. The whisker-emulsifier machines that turn the raw ingredients into ice-cream have been developed for Matteo by a specialist firm in Bergamo in the north.

For Matteo does not just make very good ice-cream. He is responsible for some of the key technical breakthroughs in his field over the past three decades. Aside from the unusual flavours, he is famous for stuffing fruit and vegetables with ice-cream made from the flesh inside. Perhaps his most important contribution was to pasteurise at least part of the sugar he used. By heating the sugar to 85C, squirting it with freshly squeezed lemon juice and then, when it has cooled,

His aim is nothing less and dreds of peaches have been of fructose that ensures a marvellous lightness and delicacy. If Matteo is not better

known, it is largely because he does not want to lose personal control of the creative process and see his business turn into a mini-industry forced to compromise on quality. Early in his career, when he first set up his own shop in Naples, he turned down the opportunity to supply one of the higgest bars in central Salerno, even though it was run by a friend of his. More recently, a British buyer asked him to supply an astonishing 900,000kg per week.
"Of course I said oo," said

Matteo. "Either you do something properly or you don't do it at all. The great ills of the world are caused by money use to gouge the fruit out of hun- creates a sweetness close to that fer to keep things the way they into a die-hard ice-cream fan.

are." So he remains the proud monarch of his little kingdom in the depressed Salerno hinterland, delighting his dedicated followers, and not worrying too much about status. Every now and again he caters for a wedding in Hawaii or Boston. or flies to Brazil to run a training course, but these are the ex-

ception rather than the rule. His wife, Raffaelina, minds the till and the financial end of the business. Their soo had ambitions to expand to Rome and beyond, but he died in an accident last year and the family has since closed ranks.

Matteo's latest invention is very much a family one: il gelato bebé Alessandro, a confection specially made for his infant grandson. It is made of spongefingers, honey and milk and, to judge by the reaction of one oine-month-old, could turn

significant shorts

Senior North Korean envoys flee to West

North Korean officials attacked reporters outside their Cairo embassy after their ambassador to Egypt became the most senior diplomat to defect to the West. South Korean officials said Jang Sung Gil turned up at a Western officials said Jang Sung Gil turned up at a Western officials said Jang Sung Gil turned up at a Western officials said Jang Sung Ho, a diplomat based in Paris, wife. His brother, Jang Sung Ho, a diplomat based in Paris, whad also fied to asylum in a third country with his wife and the said Livyd Parry said Livyd Parry

Cuba says US is a big pest

Cuba showed a UN meeting pictures of what it said was a US operation to plague the island with a crop-eating pest. Washington dismissed the charge but still had to explain to countries committed to banning biological weapons why a countries committing smaller on a low flight path over mystery plane was emitting smoke on a low flight path over a remote part of Cuba.

Guerrilla base blasted

Israeli planes attacked a Palestinian guerrilla base outside Beirut after Lebanese guerrillas and Israeli forces fought in south Lebanon. There were no immediate reports of any deaths as the heaviest fighting this year entered its third consecutive week.

Swedish stadium bombed

A bomh went off in a sports stadium in Gothenburg where football matches will be played if Sweden wins the right to host the 2004 Olympics. The hlast at the Ullevi stadium was the latest in a series of attacks against sports facilities apparently aimed at scuppering Sweden's pending Olympic hid. Reuters - Sto

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Kohl happy with old troupers

Chancellor Helmut Kohl slapped down calls from his coalition for a cabinet reshuffle, saying he saw no reason to change before next year's elections. Mr Kohl, back from his summer break, criticised the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, for leading calls for a government shake-up but said he expected his old ally to stay on. Reuters - Bonn

Prisoners murdered

Two Jamaican prisoners were charged with murder after a dozen inmates died in violence sparked by a prison commissioner's suggestion that prisoners and guards use condoms. The inmates were involved in attacks on prisoners they believed to be homosexuals at Kingston's General Penitentiary. AP - Kingston

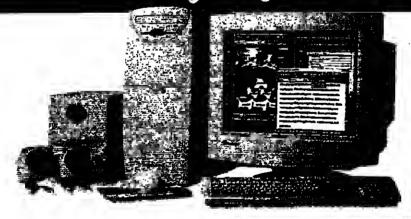
Neo-Nazi admits parcel plot

A Danish neo-Nazi admitted he mailed detonators to targets in Britain, including a white television personality married to a black man. The man, who cannot be named under a court order, and two others are on trial on terrorism charges. They were arrested after the parcels were intercepted in Sweden. AP - Copenhagen

Shelling casualties put at 60

The Indian Army said Pakistani troops suffered 60 to 70 casualties in shelling at the weekend. It was the first official confirmation of reports that Pakistan lost heavily in shooting across the line dividing Kashmir into Indian- and Pakistani-controlled sectors. Reuters - Uri

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China speeds up justice and doubles execution rate

China's anti-crime crackdown has led to a doubling in the number of reported executions. Punishment has in some cases been meted out so swiftly that defendants were shot within days of being arrested, and the type of crimes which have warranted the death penalty included VAT receipt theft, stealing a large haul of ballpoint pens and badminton ra-

compiled by Amnesty International, which every year collates reports of death sentences and confirmed executions in the Chinese newspapers and other public sources. This represents only a proportion of the actual executions – the real figure being a state secret – but gives a reliable guide to trends in the Chinese judicial system.

For 1996, the human rights group recorded more than 6,100 death sentences and 4,367 confirmed executions. This compares with 3.110 and out reports of mass public sentenc-2,190 respectively for 1995. Last year's gruesome tally produced the highest figures recorded by Amnesty's research, which has been published since the early 1980s. The only comparable year was 1983 when an earlier anti-crime campaign sim-

ilarly led to a wave of mass executions. The sharp rise last year was clearly due to the "Yanda" (Strike Hard) campaigh faunched against China's rising crime rate in April 1996. By May hardly a week was going by with-

ing rallies and mass executions some-where in China. According to newspaper stories at the time about specific cities. Chinese courts seemed to be processing cases at such a speed that any possibility of a meaningful or fair trial had been abandoned. Last year the Chinese government was boasting to the international human rights community about improved safeguards for defendants in

its judicial procedures. According to Amnesty, the num-

by death in China has spiralled over the last 10 years, particularly for nonviolent crimes such as embezzlement, fraud and theft. On 25 June last year in Shanghai, Hou Zhijiang and Wei Xuemeng were executed for stealing ballpoint pens and badminton raquets valued at £4,400.

The next day, Chen Zhong and two other men were executed in Sichuan for attempting to steal val-ue added tax receipts from a tax office. Zhang Xizhong was executed in

The speed at which trials and executions have been carried out have been taking place in a judicial system which Amnesty describes as having an "alarming potential for miscarriages of justice". In Jilin province, three people were arrested for steal-ing from a car on 21 May, sentenced to death on 27 May, and executed on 31 May. There is no meaningful appeals process.

The bulge in reported executions

bers of crimes which are punishable Sichuan on 13 May for stealing 14 and death sentences lasted from May to September last year, according to Amnesty's figures. This included the anti-drugs crackdown in the ranup to Anti-Drugs day on 26 June, with 447 confirmed executions in 1996 for Coo Vanilabuse

drug trafficking or possession.

While foreigners are kept away from execution grounds, most Chinese people see executions as an accepted part of crime control. The "Strike Hard" campaign was widely welcomed - though it failed to solve the worsening crime situation.

Last Red jailed for killings at Wall

Final bid to bring East German Communist leadership to book

Berlin - Egon Krenz, East Germany's last hardline Communist leader, was whisked off to jail yesterday after being sentenced to six and a half years for the deaths of people trying to escape over the Berlin Wall.

A Berlin court found Krenz, 60, guilty of manslaughter for the barrier that divided the city between 1961 and 1989. Even though Krenz did not pull the trigger, the court said the sucnone the less guilty because he shaped the shoot-to-kill orders become legally binding. that were carried out by border guards who shot at least 263 people. "I won't give up!" Krenz called when a supporter in the back of the courtroom shouted

"All the best, Egon!" There was a gasp in the courtroom from a large group of old-guard Communist sup-

ordered Krenz detained immediately - unusual for a German court - hecause he said there was a danger he would try

Krenz, who had denounced the trial as "victors' justice", was taken to the adjoining Moabit prison, a mile west of where the

Wall once stood. Two other former members four killings during the 1980s at of East Germany's Polithuro, Guenter Schabowski and Guenther Kleiber, were found guilty of manslaughter for three killings at the Wall. They recessor to Erich Honecker was ceived terms of three years but were set free until the verdicts

> Both pushed their way through a crowd of journalists without comment. The trial. lasting one and a half years, was widely seen as the last major attempt by united Germany to bring East Berlin's Communist leadership to book.

Honecker, who ruled for 18 porters when judge Josef Hoch years before being toppled and on 15 counts of manslaughter many had no control over its zealously turned broad guide-



Long wait: A joint plaintiff at the trial, Hans Peter Eich (left), who was shot in 1961 while trying to escape, and Krenz (right), arriving at court

who would have celebrated his 85th hirthday on yesterday, was released in the middle of his trial in 1993 because of ill-health. He died in 1994 in Chile.

Seven other senior East German figures, including the former defence minister Heinz Kessler, are serving three to six years after conviction last year

and attempted manslaughter hetween 1980 and 1989.

Krenz had expressed regret during the trial for the deaths at the Wall around Berlin and at the border between the two Germanys, which victims' groups say exceeded 900. But he insisted that, as a satellite state of the Soviet Union, East Ger-

borders. As a key part of his defence, Krenz presented a letter from the former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, who criticised the court for holding Krenz responsible for the Cold

tors presented clear evidence that the East Berlin Politburo lines from Moscow into the gris-ly machinery of death. "The

Berlin regime, fully aware that more than 2 million people had

Photographs: AFP, Reuters His son Carsten read a statement saying he planned to ap-peal to the European Court of Justice. "I will not beg the Federal Republic for mercy," Krenz said in the statement. "I was not convicted because of crimes, but rather because of my political position. The verdict is the

fled the country between 1949 Polithuro was responsible for and 1961, had built the Wall and border security." Mr Hoch said. "The guards were in fact given made it increasingly lethal bean ideological order to shoot. cause they knew that it was the The guards were taught that the refugees were enemies of peace only way to keep the rest from But Mr Hoch said prosecuand traitors to East Germany who should be destroyed." Krenz had planned to hold a news conference in a central Berlin state court's revenge for Mr Hoch said that the East Berlin hotel after the verdict. the existence of East Germany.

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Israel throws out Lebanese

Robert Fisk

For the fourth time in a month, Israel has ordered Lebanese families out of their homes in its south Lebanon occupation Fatima Akhrass, 25, was earliof their front line without money or identity papers.

policy are a 30-year-old widow and her five children who were their presence was "undesirable", before being taken by sol-diers of the so-called South Lebanon Army - Israel's proxy militia - and deported northwards near the village of Kfar Tibnit. Wadad Hussein had ear-

Israelis in their notorious jail at Khiam - where torture has been widely used on the inmates - hut she says she was given no reason for her imprisonment. Another Lebanese woman,

zone and deported them north er expelled from her home in identical circumstances. So was Amal al-Baba on 14 August, The latest victims of Israel's along with her five children. In her case, however, there is no doubt as to why Israel deporttold by an Israeli officer that ed the family - to punish her their presence was "undesir- husband Mohamed al-Gharamti, who was once Israel's most trusted collaborator in

the Lebanese city of Sidon. Leading a gang of indisci-plined militiamen who would arrest Lebanese for interrogation

treated from Sidon in 1985, the Israelis provided Abu Arrida and his riff-raff army with a ship to sail for Israel where he and his fellow collaborators were rewarded with Israeli citizenship.

Israel has now stripped Abu Arrida of his new citizenship and imprisoned him in Haifa, after accusing him of "collaborating with the services of the Lebanese state" during his trips hetween the Israeli town of Nahariya and the family's village of Qlcia inside the occupation zone. Whether true or not - and many of Israel's SLA men are now secretly giving information to the Hizbollah guerrillas in

known by his Israeli code-name, Abu Arrida. When they re-da's family were punished for his da's family were punished for his apparent double betrayal.

According to Amal al-Baba, the Israelis took their identity papers and the Israeli-issued residence permits to live in the occupation zone away from the family. She says that an Israeli lawyer contacted her, offering to defend her husband in court. but that she had no money to pay him. The family of another SLA man, apparently kid-napped by the Hizbollah, has suffered the same fate. A week ago, his father Toufic Salame, along with his wife and daughter, were taken from their home by Israeli troops and expelled ier been held for 45 days by the by the Israelis, he was then south Lehanon and Lebanese was given for the deportation.

Pope's popularity with the young puzzles French

organisers had played down expectations, saying they would be happy with a turnout of 300,000.

In the event, young French people descended on Paris in their hundreds of thousands, not to see a pop festival, or a sporting event, but to celebrate mass with the Pope at a race-course.

More than 500,000 young French people are estimated to have camped out at Longchamps overnight. They were joined by hundreds of thousands of young people who had come to the twelfth Calbolic youth festival from 160 other countries. The congregation was put at 1,200,000, the largest audience for a religious occasion in France

for more than half a century. The French press and French commentators, both religious and secular, were husy yester-day trying to make sense of an event which appeared to stand many accepted facts about French youth on their head. The right-wing and Catholic Le Figaro said a "new generation of Christians" had been born. Even the secularist Le Monde asked whether this was the be-

ginning of a "Longchamps"

More than a million flock to festival but Catholicism's decline continues. John Lichfield reports from Paris

the children of May 1968 in reverse: a generation seeking clear rules, firm morality and the leadership of the old.

Libération, the centre-left newspaper which was itself born in the 1968 student revolt, declared that, like the doubting disciple Thomas, it had to accept the evidence of its eyes. The massive attendance at Longchamps had something important to say about France.
Laurent Joffrin, the news-

paper's editor, said it was possible to minimise the event. "There is a Catholic genius for spectacle which has nothing to learn from rave parties, the Tour de France, or homosexual carnivals." The uniform of many of the pilgrims owed more to Bennetton than to the habits of monks or nuns.

But, all cynicism apart, he said, leftists must now accept that a large section of French youth felt alienated by the individualism and materialism of the modern world. They were turning not to politics, but to the

eneration, who would be like social message of the Church, however much they might disapprove or ignore the Pope's teaching on contraception and This is one interpretation.

Judging by the vox pops and analyses in Libération and other newspapers, the great majority of the "Longchamps generation" came from a more straightforward, right-wing French Catholic tradition. They were overwhelmingly provin-cial and well-heeled. Their transport had been mostly organised by Catholic schools, scout and youth groups. One man in his early 20s said: "I am the archetype of the provincial petit bourgeois Catholic. The Pope is my spiritual guide. Philippe de Villiers [the ultra consenting Contestion Consenting Contesting Consenting Contesting Consenting Contesting Consenting Contesting Consenting Contesting Consenting Contesting conservative Catholic aristocrat

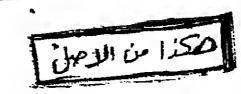
who campaigned against Maas-tricht] is my political model.

None of this is to denigrate the scale and emotional impact of the event, which was followed hy many millions of other French people on television. But shirts were going to pour themselves into parish work and the hy many millions of other it is important to place structures of the Church.

Longchamps in its context. By all the usual vital signs, Catholicism in France remains in slow but relentless decline. More than half of young French peo-ple say they have no religion and are indifferent to Christian culture. Religious vocations have collapsed. Ordinations of priests are down to fewer than 100 a year. Only 5 per cent of priests are less than 40 years old. Regular church-going is down to 17 per cent.

Many of those interviewed on Sunday admitted that they did not regularly go to mass. "In church, it's just the grey heads. Here, you feel in touch with something strong," said one 18-year-old girl.

Henri Tincq, writing in Le Monde, said the event had more than a flavour of US-style, Protestant evangelism, trading in simple emotion rather than profound feeling or contemplation. Several members of the French hierarchy said after-wards that they hoped the event would boost the number of religious vocations among the young. But Mr Tincq said "no-one should seriously believe" that all these youngsters in T-



Cook joins Manila in child abuse mission

Hong Kong

Governments usually go to grand halls to sign bilateral agreements with overseas countries. This will not he the case when Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, visits the Philippines at the end of the week. Instead, he will find himself in a rundown building where abused and street children seek refuge.

Located in what used to be the heart of Manila's red-light district, the Bahay Tuluyan centre provides a modest refuge for children, many of whom have been sexually ahused.

Britain has provided assistance to the ceotre and is planning to step up co-operation with the Philippines to prevent child abuse, especially sexual exploitation involving foreigners.

Although Britain is not considered to be the worst offeoder, its nationals have figured promineotly in the few prosecutions hrought by the Philippine authorities against child sex abusers. Of the four foreigners convicted of child sex crimes, two are British: Steven Mitchell was found guilty of sexual activity with small hoys aod Michael Clarke was convicted

of organising sex tours. Considerable publicity has also surrouoded the arrest of Douglas Slade, who is charged with sexual offences against under-age children. He is one of 45 foreigners arrested since the Philippines decided to get tough on paedophiles.

Britain was among the first foreign countries to offer assistance. Last year, officers from Scotland Yard conducted a twoweek course on the investigation of child-abuse cases. Following the course, the Philippines National Bureau of Investigation established the first national Anti-Child Abuse Division.

Now further assistance is be-

Britain helps Philippines fight under-age sexual exploitation

hassador in Manila, says the British government is deter-

mined to play its role in helping to combat child abuse. He

stresses that the Government

feels strongly that those whn

This will be an uphill battle

ahuse children should be

in the Philippines where there

is a marked reluctance to tack-

le the domestic problems of child abuse. Although rape cas-

es are prosecuted, other of-

fences are generally unreported

and not the subject of police in-

vestigation. As far as foreign

paedophiles are concerned, the

government used to be content

merely to deport them, even

though some kept coming back.

brought to justice".

teosive tie-up hetween the Philippine police and the Durham constabulary. Officers from Durham will be dispatched to conduct a four-week course for trainers, which will focus on detection techniques and the handling of victims.

The two countries will also step up co-operation in sharing intelligence on the movements and activities of known paedophiles and other serious crimimals. With its European partners, Britain is helping to equip the new abuse division.

Although Mr Cook will generate publicity for the fight against ahuse, the British effort is little more than a drop in the ocean in a country where the United Nations fund Unicef estimates that 60,000 children work as prostitutes, Incest and abuse in the home are also rampant.

"We are questioning the effectiveoess of the crackdown against child sex offenders," said Elizabeth Pucate, the spokeswoman for the Manilabased End Child Prostitution Pornography and Trafficking (ECPPAT) campaign. She says there has been some progress but there is also frustration over the lack of a more comprehensive effort to eradicate abuse by tackling the problem at a community level and providing rehabilitation for children involved in prostitution.

ECPPAT says it has evidence that organisations in countries, including Britain, are still producing advertising material about child prostitution in Asia. describing the Philippines as a haven for child sex.

Adrian Thorpe, Botain's am-



Dangerous harvest: A family help each other haul away sacks of contaminated maize in Nairobi yesterday. Hundreds of slum dwellers scrambled for the com which was dumped on Saturday because it was suspected of being unfit for human consumption



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Early test for Labour's new ethical policy

Richard Lloyd Parry

Rohin Cook emharks this week on one of his most delicate diplomatic tasks as Foreign Secretary: an official visit, intended to promote humao rights to a group of frieodly countries accused of abuses.

During a five-day tour of South-East Asia he will discuss "deepening relations across Asia and ensuring respect for human rights, according to the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, where he arrives tomorrow. The first is the standard diplomatic task of further warming generally cosy relations in a region which has strong historical, cultural and trading links with Britain.

The second relates to Labour's commitment to foreign policy with an "ethical

The challenge for Mr Cook is to frame his humanitarian



Cook: Delicate task of not ruffling too many feathers

concerns but avoid offending the sensitivities of his bosts at what, for several of them, is an unusually sensitive time.

In May Mr Cook was applauded by rights organisations after unveiling his policy a fort-night after taking office. Promising not to forget about "political values ... when we check in our passports on diplomatic business", he announced an annual report on human rights, an end to arms sales to repressive regimes, and "support [for] the demands of other people for the democratic rights on which we

insist for ourselves." But Mr Cook's decision to allow the planned sale of Hawk military aircraft to Indonesia

disappointed many who had earlier praised him. Since then the new policy has found little practical expression.

Apart from an oppressive Internal Security Act (inherit-ed from its British colonisers), Malaysia has one of the region's better rights records, although a court recently coovicted a group of Muslim women for wearing bathing costumes at a beauty cootest.

But Mr Cook's concerns are unlikely to get a sympathetic hearing from the Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamed, who receotly called for the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights to be rewritten oo the grouods that it was formulated by the superpowers, which did not understand the needs of poorer couotries."

Things will oot be much better in Singapore, where a trial last week raised the question of political freedom.

JB Jeyaretnam, a left-wing opposition MP, is being sued for defamation by Singapore's prime minister after making factual statements at an opposition rally during last Decem-

ber's electioo campaign.
Mr Jeyaretnam's British QC. George Carman, last week accused the Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong, of using the trial as a method of causing financial oppression on this 71-year old man because you wanted him out of Parliament". Earlier this year a US State

Department report referred to the government's "attempts to intimidate the opposition through the threat of libel suits". Will Mr Cook support Mr Jeyaretnam, a left-leaning lawyer, like him? Or will he concentrate on building on Singapore's growing trade links with

The dilemma will be presented most acutely in Indonesia, whose oumerous alleged rights abuses are seen by many campaigners as a test case for New Labour's policy.

Last weekend two tribesmen in the remote Irian Jaya province were said to have been shot, and others injured by Indonesian troops flown in to quell unrest at a copper and gold mine part-owned by a British company.

Let there be light on the murky world of MI5

only plausible, they are deeply worrying. They are of a piece with the story told by Peter Wright in Spycatcher, they cohere with the report by Cathy Mas-siter, an honourable woman to whom dumb loyalty to the Security Service counted for less than the need to tell the public the full extent of its surveillance, personal files and monitoring.

What Mr Shayler confirms is MI5's promiscuity. Its staff, along with bome secretaries, prime ministers and other senior politicians, condoned operations that at best displayed a cavalier attitude to personal privacy and at worst illegally infringed basic civil liberties. In a sense, though, the most serious charge is that of downright inefficiency. During the Cold War there were plenty of real enemies at large. To waste scarce public resources listening, instead, to UB40 lyrics, let alone to Jack Straw's or Peter Mandelson's phone calls, is little short of criminal. Even the most rudimentary political intelligence would differentiate the groups of bearded teenagers and twentysomethings competing for office in the National Union of Students. from out-and-out subversives. The absence of such judgement inevitably makes outsiders wonder about MI5's capacity, never mind its purpose.

As for Mr Mandelson - given the anti-Communist credentials of his grand-

llegations of extensive MI5 bug-ging operations, made by the for-mer agent David Shayler, are not father Herbert Morrison, it seems ludicrous to imagine him being recruited as a Soviet bloc "sleeper": the mere idea tells us all we need to know about the blind, right-wing biases of the organis-ation. If MI5's Cold War business was defending Britain, the country its staff had in their hearts and minds was not the one lived in by the rest of us-a pluralist place where a position in the National Council for Civil Liberties is hardly the mark of Cain.

But, of course, that is all in the past (except that the files are still extant, and inaccessible to the victims of MI5 paranoia). The Cold War is over. The student president of yesteryear is now Home Secretary and, as such, responsible for the Security Service. The suspected Soviet agent Mandelson now sits close to the spot in the Cabinet Office that co-ordinates flows of intelligence. And besides (it is claimed) MI5 is reformed, chastened, modernised, feminised. So should we just relax, treat these latest allegations like a piece of contemporary historical fiction and let the 2,000-strong organisation boused in splendour on Millbank go its own sweet way? Messrs Straw and Mandelson may, this week, face more urgent matters in the shape, for example, of bulging prisons and millennium domes, but sooner or later they will need to get their beads together on the subject of MI5's future. Although the commitment of Tony Blair's administration to open



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overnment is at best ambiguous, we have to hope that when they do review the Security Service they will do so openly. The public - the paymasters and alleged beneficiaries - have a right to know its powers, its costs, and above all what in the 21st century its purpose is supposed to be. They may well conclude that its historical term is over.

Jack Straw's band is going to be forced soon. Labour has promised to reform the Metropolitan Police, replacing the Home Secretary as police authority for London with a committee of magistrates and local authority nominees. What this will precipitate - surely

- is some fundamental review of the operations of Special Branch and those other units within Scotland Yard which do "national" work. There is, clearly, a world of difference between the skills and forces needed to police the streets of Brixton or Bexleyheath and those needed to protect diplomats, harry terrorists and do whatever else Special Branch should do. But where does the remit of Special Branch end and that of the Security Service begin, and how do both relate to the growing apparatus of

national criminal intelligence gathering? Only Pollyanna says everything in the post-Cold War garden is lovely, that

there is no longer a need for a domes-tic agency with the capacity to tap telephones, monitor the flow of funds, and follow papers and people. Counterespionage is no ignoble function, and spying and other games of international relations will continue. It remains true that freedom requires vigilance (just so long as you keep in mind what freedom is for). But whether this work requires MI5, with its operational past and culture and vast superstructure, is a question the Conservative government consistently refused to ask. For all its talk about effectiveness in government, it spared security and policing from basic interrogation of costs and benefits.
MI5, meanwhile, has been allowed to

get away with waffle about the drugs war and combating the IRA. So what is the Security Service doing now Irish peace has (temporarily) broken out, especially since the Government believes that the solution to terrorism is not counter-terrorism, but a political readjustment in Ulster? Meanwhile MI5 may have something to bring to intelligence-gathering about international parcotics trafficking, but it is not the only agency with expertise. Ministers should be deeply suspicious of government agencies (Customs and Excise as well as MI5) that talk up drugs as a way of protecting bureaucratic structures.

The British love the secret world -

witness the puny powers Parliament awarded its own intelligence committee,

and the pusillanimity of the Public Accounts Committee in failing to ask for proper studies of MI5's effectiveness (an international comparison with other counter-espionage agencies, say). Until 1989 that love-affair at least had some strategic justification. Now, bowever, it risks being pathological. It is time for an exact rendering of accounts for the security and counter-espionage apparatus. Perhaps Mr Straw's understandable desire to see the contents of MI5's files on him will speed the necessary review.

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The wind of change

Brand names come and go in the conrush of economic change. It is the law of market life that companies die and new ones are born. But it is hard not to sound a note of regret at the demise of certain famous names. One is Boosey & Hawkes, the music company, which is now on the block. How many young instrumentalists have done their daily scales under that rubric? The name became virtually synonymous with amateur wind ensemble playing since, as well as publishing, the company used to be the great British instrument maker. It is the connection with the world of brass and silver bands that is especially going to be missed - no B&H, no Brassed Off.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Minister denies volcano isle blunder Sir: One of the increasing number

of myths and misunderstandings that has arisen from the Montserrat crisis is that I am to blame for misreading the scientists' report ("Island declares 'war' on Britain", 25 August).

This is not so, I quoted directly from the report, a publicly available document, which said that the scientists had previously regarded the possibility of a cataclysmic eruption as negligible but could not now rule it out.

Their actual words were: The remote possibility of the present crisis generating a massively cataclysmic explosive eruption has never been absolutely precluded, but the received wisdom was that it had a negligible probability of occurring. However, the recent increase in explosive activity is such, and the uncertainties attending any hypothesis about the volcano's capacity to go cataclysmic are so great, that the potential hazard cannot be taken to be zero.

This is what I read over to the Press Association news agency, who reported it accurately. Dr Sparks is now suggesting I misquoted him. As you will see, I did not. GEORGE FOULKES Parliamentary Under-Secretary Department for International Development London SW1

Sir: Clare Sbort's pronouncements on the government and people of Montserrat bave been insulting and patronising ("Volcano island gives Sbort shrift", 25 August).

Those who know Montserrations know that they are a proud people, self-reliant and hard-working, proud that we who are the descendants of British slavery, the product of British neglect, have by our own efforts built Montserrat into the thriving community it was before this terrible disaster. We withstand burricanes, earthquakes, droughts. How dare she, who lives in a country where people complain if the temperature rises above 70 or there is a flake of snow, accuse Montserrations of whingeing?

Britain ruled over us for nearly 400 years. There was little on Montserrat to show for British rule before the advent of universal suffrage for the local people and the formation of a local government. There was no airport, no radio station, no proper electricity – nothing except a few wooden colonial buildings. Montserrat is British, and we expect the same care and consideration that would be applied if there were a nuclear accident in Birmingham.

l visited Montserrat in April this year and found living conditions worse that anything I have seen before, I saw no evidence of substantial funds being employed, no evidence of a cohesive plan for

Montserrat. Britain should declare a state of emergency and assume direct rule. It could then decide whether Montserrat could remain a viable entity with two-thirds of the island, with its most valuable amenities, uninhabitable. If the answer is yes, then the north of the island must be properly developed. The British Government would not be expected to meet all the cost, but they must provide the plan and the infrastructure, and leave the enterprising people to do the rest.

If it is decided that the island is not viable, then the situation must be properly explained to the people. All the inhabitants should such litigation coming to full trial.



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be given proper British passports which would allow them to come here, in the final analysis. And, yes a proper assistance package must be worked out to allow the people to get established in their new environment.

The people on Montserrat have lost so much; the last thing they deserve is for someone who represents the "mother country" to burl insults at them as if they were enemies rather than loyal citizens. Perhaps Ms Short should reconsider ber position. SAM GREENAWAY London NW6 The writer is a former general secretary of Moppa, a London-based

Legal gag on green protests

Montserratian organisation

Sir: There is a spectre baunting civil liberties in Britain. It goes by the name of SLAPPs - strategic lawsuits against public participation.

The BP action against Greenpeace is but the latest example of this import from the US. Increasingly, civil injunctions are being used or threatened against individuals and groups involved in legitimate environmental protest. Readers will be aware of the McLibel Two, but many others - local councillors, residents' groups, road protesters, land rights campaigners – are being intimidated to stop them exercising their democratic rights by the prospect of being banned from an area, silenced in public debate, bankrupted by lawyers' costs, and possibly imprisoned.

Often there is no prospect of

The litigant company merely satisfies the court that it has a case to argue - nothing has to be proved - and that the balance of convenience justifies the injunction

sought. Once the injunction is granted, the case is usually stayed. The courts and the Legal Aid Board are failing to attribute sufficient weight to the right to express dissent or blow the whistle. Legal aid is rarely available to fight such cases, and the courts invariably favour a developer's commercial convenience over the

fundamental rights of the citizen. Incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights may improve matters, but until it does and the Courts see SLAPPs to be the abuse of the legal process that they are, our justice system will continue to succumb to the same forces that endanger our environment. JOHN DUNKLEY

Fanh Right London NWI The fate of

Jeremy Thorpe Sir: In her obituary of Henrik van den Bergh, the Apartheid-state's police chief (21 Angust), Mary Braid writes: "He is believed to have been behind the downfall of the British Liberal Party leader

Jeremy Thorpe."
That belief can persist only amongst extreme conspiracy theorists. Extensive police investigation leading to a well-Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. Fax: 0171-293 2056;

publicised trial, along with the much more limited Liberal Party inquiry into one aspect of the affair which I chaired, all pointed to actions by Jeremy Thorpe which led to his downfall, whilst exonerating him of the wilder accusations.

There remains, however, no doubt that Jeremy Thorpe's courage and foresight in campaigning against apartheid in the Sixties when both Labour and Conservative front benches were unwilling to face up to what was happening in Southern Africa, must bave annoyed van den Bergh's masters.
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How thalidomide scandal broke

University of Kent at Canterbury

The writer was president of the Liberal Party, 1978/9

Sir. An important truth is omitted in the article "The truth about the greatest campaign ever" (25 August). Without the parliamentary campaign, the efforts of The Sunday Times on emorts of the Sunday times on thalidomide would have sunk in a legal quagmire. Yet Parliament is not mentioned in Phillip Knightley's report. Harold Evans, the then editor of

The Sunday Times, later wrote that legal threats from Distillers and the Attorney General were gagging the media. For the first 23 days of the

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edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.

campaign we had no coverage at all from the press."

The breakthrough came when 1

used parliamentary privilege to attack Distillers through questions and an early day motion. The legal gag was stripped away and the media began to report the attack. The major parliamentary debate that followed was described by Evans as "the turning point".

The parliamentary activity transferred discussion of thalidomide from bushed tones in legal chambers to shouted beadlines on front pages. It made that controversy a national issue. Once public opinion was aroused. victory was assured. JACK ASHLEY (Lord Ashley of Stoke)

Long life down the centuries

London SWI

Sir: Even a brief promenade around an old graveyard will demonstrate the accuracy of Terry Marshall's point (Letters; "A long life in Victorian times", 22 August). People who managed to survive birth and childhood seem to have developed a habit of not

dying.
Thomas Hobbes, around the age of 75, said that bis regular games of tennis and long, sweaty walks, always followed by a massage, would make him "live two or three years longer". Twelve vears after that, he finished and

published his last book, and be eventually died of a stroke aged 91. (And the Countess of Desmond, we are told, only finally lost that habit of not dying when, at the age of 140, she fell out of an

apple tree.) But in their eyes old age approached faster. Montaigne compliments himself that though well-stricken in years" his health is still "blithe and lusty", then immediately reminds bimself that this cannot last: be is, after all, "engage dans les avenues de la rieillesse" - his feet are already on the pathways of old age. And bow old was he, exactly, at the time? Oh, he tells us that. In his forties.

Poor Montaigne lived to be only 59; but his mother made it to 90, and outlasted him by nearly 10 years. Dr MICHAEL HALLS

Fire-bombs on every aircraft

Devon

Sir: How many people realise -surely the aviation authorities must - that every can of hair spray, body perfume or antiperspirant is a potential

flame-thrower? There are warnings on airline tickets about carrying hazardous and flammable substances, such as lighter fluid, yet we all walk round with these cans in our luggage and no one says anything.
If you look at the small print on your antiperspirant spray you will see dire warnings about fire, JILL GALE Hampton on Thames Middlesex

No GP deserves these patients

Sir: Jeremy Laurance ("Doctor, doctor, you're not on my wavelength", 20 August) suggests that the IQ of GPs needs to be downsized to improve the doctor-patient relationship. Far from it. The brightest and best are needed. The skill of the GP lies in picking out, in a seven-to-10-minute consultation, potentially serious pathology from the large amount of trivia that does present in the

Part of the answer lies in the better preparation of the would-be GP in medical school, where general practice has often been inder-emphasised in favour of the more glamorous specialities. Part of the answer, I'm afraid, also lies with the patients. Because GPs are free and accessible 24 hours a day they are sometimes taken for

granted. I have been consulted for a broken fingernail, called out at 2am to settle a baby (because the father did not wish to disturb the baby's mother, who was asleep), called to belp somebody get off the toilet, to prescribe medication for a patient's dog (the patient got free NHS prescriptions) and to put eye drops in at midnight - and asked to do one patient's VAT returns.

Add to this increasing violence towards GPs and their staff and tensions begin to develop in the doctor/patient relationship. Is it any wonder that when some of Britain's brightest have experiences like this, they stop and consider what they might expect to receive had they cbosen the legal or business sector to train and work in? Dr GARETH RICHARDS Upper Layham, Suffolk

It's not cricket – it's the BBC

Sir: I was surprised and pleased to hear from Alistair Lenczner that the BBC devotes "countless bours of prime network time" to cricket coverage (letter, 23 August), since previously it seemed to be on only during working bours or ludicrously late at night when most

people had gone to bed. I was also amazed to bear that there are "thousands of empty seats regularly seen around the televised games". The BBC televises only the one-day cup competitions and Test matches. which are almost always sold out. These empty seats must bave featured in the prime-time

coverage which I missed. Sarcasm aside, I fear that if market forces ensure that the BBC cannot afford to show programmes (sports or otherwise) that are worth paying for, then it will end up showing programmes that are worth nothing.
RICHARD BARNES Horsham, West Sussex

Tales of horror

Sir: May one suggest a few more plots to be included in the borror books for children ("Why young readers turn to little horrors", 25 August)? One would be of an old woman living in the woods who devours young people, while another concerns a wolf eating a grandmother and preying on her

granddaughter.
Even better is one about a man with a whistle going round a town kidnapping all the children, but l dare say that would run into trouble with the police. ROBERT VINCENT Andover, Hampshire

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Roll over Gutenberg – tell books the news

A t one of the meetings during the Edinburgh Book Festival I was asked to address the question whether CD-Roms, the Internet, electronic media etc. That I first wanted to et across is how inchoate the new medium is. We don't even know what to call it, other than "the new medium" First there was print, then radio, followed by television: now what?

Yes, it is software, but not all software is used to facilitate communication. Yes, it is both CD-Roms and the Internet, two different ways of delivering information to your commeans of a compact disc, the other by means of a telephone link. But the little, hand-held electronic pet, the Tamagotchi, which beeps when it needs to be fed. hathed or exercised, or else it dies: is this an example of the new medium?

Yes, computer-generated entertainment such as games and electronic pets and creatures which you can cause to run around your screen, are part of it. Yes, it is both a leisure activity and a business tool - you can do such things as participate in auctions of surplus airline seats via the Internet if you wish.

The new medium is inchoate in a second sense: it has many technical hortcomings. The computer screen s not a convenient way of reading large amounts of text. I like to print out any e-mail message of more than 100 words or so. The quality of the individual formats - text, sound, still picture, moving image - is poor to everage. Moreover the medium requires more adeptness by the user

than print, radio or television. This medium is struggling to become a channel of mass communcation. It will succeed only when it is casy to use and reliable in operation, and when it finds its own voice. So far is technical advances are concerned. These are the successes. Apart the idea of providing simple Internet from Encarta, none of them directly access via the TV screen in place of in expensive personal computer is leing developed. Unfortunately, so-ulled Weh TV provides inferior rescution and you would have to buy a kyboard if you wanted to use it for enail. More promising is the notion

ointroducing a cut-down version of th PC, the so-called network compter, which would allow you to call ir the computing power you need wen you need it. Work is also being due on upgrading the "pipe" - the tephone wire or cable that carries dital information from one com-

per to another. By finding its own voice, I mean a picess comparable to the early delopment of the cinema. The cinen quickly stopped being the theatre o screen and became a new disci-

media. It is on its way to

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authentically of the medium. E-mail is fast becoming a universal means of communic-

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is cheap, it is fast, it is

global; and it has even

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something between that of a letter and a tele-

books and records is

growing apace. Like many people, t browse book reviews in news-

papers and magazines rather than bookshelves

in a bookshop. I huy books on the Internet

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The Net, with its tens of thousands of sites. is a new wonder of the world

no issues of quality, and because the prices are good even when postage is added in. With Encura, Microsoft has shown that the combination of media - multimedia - and the power to manipulate data and to search through it rapidly, brings the encyclopaedia to a level which is far superior to what hooks can achieve. Computer games are the fiction of the new medium; the "shoot-em-ups" are equivalent to pulp fiction, a game like Myst is more

akin to Tolkien. For the players they are as absorbing as reading a novel. The Internet itself, with its tens of thousands of web sites, created alike by individuals, by institutions, by corporations, by local and national governments, is a new wonder of the world. It is a vast, global, randomly assembled store of information, growing every day, which can he searched with remarkable facility and at very low cost. It is a world library that will shortly be superior to the American Library of Congress and the British Library combined. And the Internet

doesn't employ a single librarian. threatens hooks, newspapers and magazines. History shows that the new media developed during the past century have not obliterated their predecessors as, say, the combined forces of the railway and the motor vehicle extinguished horse-drawn transport. The cinema left the theatre intact; TV did not overwhelm radio. The losses were minor. Music hall died; cinema largely gave up documentaries to TV; hooks are losing encyclopaedias.

But the indirect threat is immense. The box next to the computer screen is an extremely powerful device. The new medium is the most participative of all. And it is effortlessly global. I would guess that 95 per cent of its potential is unrealised. It really is inchoate. But there is a phrase we use which may be more prescient than we pie. In the same way this new realise: we ask whether so-and-so is redium is not simply books on computer literate or not. Already we seen, or a melange of the older equate computers with literacy.



The holiday's over, now the heat is on

fter the holiday, the hang-over. When the Prime Ministerial limo sweeps through the gates of Downing Street Inter this week after a couple of days' acclimatisation at Chequers, Tony Blair will hardly expect the ecstatic flag-waving that marked his first arrival.

He might reasonably have believed when he left for Tuscany that his reunion with the voters of Britain would be a tender one. Four months into a marriage, it is the least a

groom can expect.

Instead, though, he will return to find the Scottish wedding party waging family warfare, the Montserrating family warfare. contingent complaining loudly that they did not get a hig enough slice of the cake, and the mortgage on the marital home threatening to spiral out of control.

Mr Blair's love-affair with the electorate is not over yet, of course, but could the honeymoon be coming to an end?

After the unbounded joy of May, the warm glow of June and the post-Budget self-congratulation of July, August has not been the kindest of months. It never is, of course. In the empty dust-bowl left behind when politics heads for the seaside, even the most minor mishap can whip up an eddy of bad publicity or even a fullblown whirlwind. When John Prescott jokingly named a Chinese mitten crab after Peter Mandelson last week, for example, he can hardly have expected front-page headlines in

every newspaper.

It has not all been silly season nonsense, though. The suicide of Gordon McMaster and the subsequent suspension of another MP in Paisley, the row over compensation for the volcano-hit West Indian islanders and a fourth rise in interest rates since the election have all done their hit to tarnish the Government's shiny new

But if the Prime Minister is tempted to heave a sigh of relief that he was out of the country when the champagne went flat, he should restrain himself. August may have hrought a few notes of discord between the Government and its electors, but September just might see

by Fran Abrams

the shedding of the first real tears. There will be mutterings at the Trades Union Congress about the future of Labour's relations with the unions. The victory celebrations at the party's Brighton conference will be marred by a row over Mr Blair's plans for further modernisation. And there will be the potential for real trouble as voters in Scotland and Wales go to the polls to make their decisions

about devolution. A vote in favour of a Scottish parliament hut against the granting of tax-raising powers, for example, would be deeply embarrassing (and very troublesome) for a government that has put its full weight into the campaign for a "yes, yes" vote. And even a narrow victory in Wales would leave behind it the uneasy sensation that a major change is being pushed through without wholehearted public

support, As the autumn drags on, there will be pitfalls aplenty for Mr Blair's new government. Paisley may have seemed like a nasty accident in the middle of August, but it could well become a running sore before Christmas as the extent of corruption in other Scottish Labour Party branches becomes clear. Already the Tories have made capital ont of the suspensions of the Govan MP Mohammed Sarwar and the West Renfrewshire member Tommy Graham, but there may be more to come when a forthcoming report on Labour in Glasgow is published. Any one of four or five other low-level rows grumhling on across Scotland may easily blow up into a major incident before the year is out.

The economy will also be back to haunt the Government as the nights draw in. There were comforting noises after the summer interest rate rise, to the effect that the situation would now remain stable: but just a couple of weeks later, the hint of yet another hike is being glimpsed on the horizon.

Exports will continue to suffer; and the feel-good factor will not be so ahundant in December, when home-owners are facing yet more rises in their mortgage payments. The high-profile millennium project may well cause a headache or two, as well. Mr Mandelson's decision last week to spend an extra £8m on the roof of the dome may have passed off relatively quietly, but he is not out of the woods yet. Who will take the flak when the bill for the exhibition begins to enter the stratosphere? Will Mr Blair still be out of the firing-line when public unease turns to real

The dead of winter will see the return of some of those perennial problems from which it was Labour's wont, in opposition, to make capital out of at the expense of the Tories. This year Labour will pay the price when a flu epidemic stretches hospital services to breaking-point and doctors complain that the sick are dying because of a lack of funds. This year it will be the Tories who cash in when teacher redundancies lead to another rise in class sizes, and when schools complain that they still can-not afford to buy the books they need.

There will be other problems, too. The Northern Irish peace process hangs in the balance, and the BSE crisis, which was once the Tories' bete noire, could soon become a trial for Lahour as thousands of carcasses wait in warehouses to be incinerated. Students who will be expected to pay £1,000 per year in fees from next year cannot be expected simply to swallow the charge without further protest. and it is conceivable that they will find allies among some of Tony Blair's backbenchers.

Of course there will be no flagwaving crowds in Downing Street this week, not least because most of the party backs who staged the demonstration last time are still away on their holidays. Tony Blair should not be surprised by any of this. The truth of the matter is that normal politics has been resumed. When Gerald Ford was elected, he

told Congress: "I do not want a honeymoon with you; I want a good marriage."
New Labour, on the other hand.

chose to go for full-blown, dizzyheaded euphoria. It worked for a while, hut nohody ever seriously thought it was going to last. And the higger the party, the higger the headache the morning after.

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oday we look at some of the biggest unanswered mys-teries of modern times -

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If Colonel Tom Parker signed Elvis Presley to a contract which diddled the singer out of millions of dollars, and diverted half Presley's fortune Parker's way, what on earth happened to all the money which Colonel Parker got?

Colonel Parker spent a large part of his income on huying and maintaining a huge plantation home near Memphis called Parkerland, which to this day has

erland, which to this day has never been open to the public, and which is a shrine to the genius of Colonel Tom Parker.

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It is full of unsmoked cigars and dollar hills.

If you build more roads, we are told, it only creates more If you build more roads, we are tord, it only creates traffic. A road-building programme to relieve traffic congestion tempts more people on to the roads, and so on. But we can all remember that things used to be worse than they are

can all remember that things used to be worse than they are now. There may have been queues on the M25 yesterday, but what about the appalling bank holiday queues that used to form around Exeter before they built the motorway, queues which regularly made the news headlines? Surely there were worse holiday jams 20 years ago? Things do get better, don't they?

I am afraid it is true that more road-huilding creates more traffic. But the reverse is true as well. Less road-building creates more traffic just as much as more does. The queues on the Exeter bypass of 20 years ago were created by less road-building. Today's queues are created by more road-building. building. Today's queues are created by more road-building. Whatever you do it is going to create more traffic. So clearly less road-building is just as bad as more road-building, but at

east it's cheaper. Why don't we put more money into British athletics and

recapture the great triumphs of yesteryear?

Another fallacy here, I'm afraid. In the days when Britain had such world-beating runners as Bannister, Brasher. Ibbetson, Chataway and Pirie, nobody put any money into sport at all. Then why don't we put less money into British athletics

and recapture the great triumphs of yesteryear that way? Couldn't we be the best runners in the world again? Another fallacy here, I'm afraid. There never was a time when we were the best runners in the world. There was only a time when we had the best five or 10 runners in the world. The rest

of the nation was no better at running than it had ever been. The best distance runners today come from Kenya, hut do you think the average Kenyan today can run five miles without getting puffed? Or indeed being shot at by the Nairobi police?

Is Radio 4 really being "dumbed down" to make it more downmarket and get the listening figures up?

No. What is happening is that the BBC has made an enormous loss on its crazy decision to spend vast sums of money covering the last days of Hong Kong and James Boyle, the new cootroller of Radio 4, has been under instructions to pay for the Hong Kong fiasco by making radio as cheaply as possible. The cheapest radio of all is that provided by the listeners, and that is why more and more programmes are taking contribu-tions from the listeners themselves – you've probably notice how PM gives more space to "your letters", how Feedback is back again; how Jazz Record Requests is getting more space, how Pick of The Week now welcomes listeners' ups, and so on.

In what way is the end of the century going to ruin all computer packages? I fail to understand why going from 1999 to 2000 will bring the world of technology to a close.

Don't you worry your pretty little head about the reasons why - what is important is how we are going to get round it. Luckily, Peter Mandelson has been heading a secret committee looking into how we can get round the problem, and the solution is one that will appeal to all spin-doctors. We are going to rename the year 2000 and call it AD 1999a, and so on. If it was so very wrong for all those MPs to accept money

from Mohamed Al Fayed, why was there nothing wrong in Mr Fayed giving them the money? Why has he come out of it some sort of hero for stuffing brown envelopes full of money? And what about his son? Is Dodi Al Fayed paying Diana sums of money in envelopes to answer certain questions? And what about his magazine, Punch? Why has that fearless satirical organ made no mention of Di and Dodi, which is the biggest story in weeks? I have no idea. It is certainly very curious. I will let you know if I find out.

When there's just no room at the inn

A JOURNEY

AROUND

THE WHOLE

ISLAND OF

GREAT

BRITAIN

was the windows that finished ne off. It was, it seemed, the nuggiest and most sweltering of threeent hot and humid nights. The hed room was like a sauna. And bits efroughly-sawn wood had heen sewed into the runnels of all the sal windows in the room so that the could not be opened beyond a merly three inches.

his was not some dive in a seedy er-light district designed to keep the regers out or the clients in. It was Stron's poshest, the Palace Hotel, stately Victorian Gormenghast on top of the hill overlooking the spa wn at the heart of the Derbyshire Pak District. I rang reception. "Someone seems to have screwed o my windows," I said.

"Ah yes," said the abashed voice athe other end. "It's health and sety. All the windows have been stened shut for health and safety. What was the nature of their risk ssment, I wondered. Did I look scidal? Or a likely victim of verto? So far as health and safety were incerned, wasn't it more likely, I agested, that I would collapse om heat exhaustion? "Can I be loved to another room?" No, said te voice, because it wasn't just the and floor which had been done; the indows had been secured on all

Just get room service 10 send up screwdriver then and I'll do them syself," Sorry, only maintenance ould do that and they would not be and, ignoring the notice about the alegnarding of valuables, propped pen the bedroom door with a chair, tod fell into a fitful sleep.

was fed up with hotels, I decided he next day, as I descended from the Derbyshire hills to the flat.

scarred industrial landscape of South and then West Yorkshire. From now on I would just stay in B&Bs. I was bound for a workingclass community in Knottingley and would lodge romantically, as George Orwell had in his pre-war travels among the proletariat on the road to Wigan Pier, with the plain peo-ple of England. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

With the change of scenery, a change to the quality to life became apparent. The sign at Castleford may have said "historic Roman settlement" and Pontefract may once have boasted the higgest castle in Yorkshire but they were distinguished now by branches of Neno and Kwiksave. Signs read "Cheques cashed - cheapest rates locally."

One hostely bore the legend "Starving Sam's - mighty meals from £1.55". At one bus-stop a woman was arguing with the driver over the 70p maximum off-peak fare:

"This bus is supposed to go straight through to Knottingley."
Well, it doesn't. You'll have to

change at Cas."
But then I'll have to pay twice. That'll cost me £1.40."
When I arrived in Knottingley there were no rooms left at the

Golden Lion, the puh which had heen recommended. So I walked along the canal to a B&B I had been told of. It was full, too. So was the Bay Horse. My bag and computer case were getting heavy now. There was no room at the Sun Inn, either. "There's a hig contract on at the power station down Ferrybridge," the landlord said. He rang Jackie at the Anvil. "She can fit you in, but you'll have to share." Sharing! How Jackie showed me to the room.

WITH PAUL VALLELY

Day Thirteen

INTERIOR ...

There were two beds, piled with duvets and soiled clothing. "I'll put a third bed in the corner," she said. Desperate to deposit my bags, I agreed. It was an odd place. The bare floorboards were specked with paint, the wallpaper was torn and the light-hulb bare. But there were dried flowers on the old sewing machine treadle and on the mantelpiece, despite the Chris de Burgh tapes, was AI Ayer's Language, Truth and Logic, a volume on Krishna and the Bhagavatan and a primer entitled An Introduction to

the Philosophy of Religion. It was late when I returned. In the bar a grotesquely fat drunk called Larry - with hristling head, hulging neck and rolling eyes - was losing on the pool table, and to a woman. He cursed with astonishing frequency, not merely between words hut between syllables. "Larry, don't call the customers bitches," admonished the barmaid, bizarrely picking on the mildest of his insults. Periodically Larry offered to fight any-one in the room. He leered aggressively up to me and put his nose two inches from mine. Just then, another drunk, who claimed to be the hushand of the pool-table woman, intervened.

I had ordered a pint of beer. Where, I wondered, was the safest place to drink it. "Do you mind if I ioin you?" I said to the two men at the table furthest from the pool

Yes, we do actually," one said. I had already sat down and, hoping that this was what passed for badinage locally, I decided to ignore it. The objector, who was also spectacularly drunk, began to tell me how he was a taxi driver who had just been snapped by a speed camera Tomorrow: Knottingley.

doing 140mph on the M62. "D'yer think I give a hugger?" he asked. I assured him that I did not.

Deciding that discretion was the better part of Vallely I downed the beer and made my way up the dingy staircase hoping that none of the drinkers would turn out to be my room-mates. I was asleep two hours later when my sleeping companions eventually arrived and flooded the room with light. They were, thankfully, none of the above, but they were rather menacing Welsh labourers who were just as inebriated and almost as aggressive. "Can we have the radio off,

lads," I asked when they finally crashed, belching, into bed and switched off the light.
"No, f-k off," one said.

"That was good beer," burped the other. "And 95p a pint."

"Better than last night's - that was corky, know what I mean, corky?" When they were asleep I rose apprehensively to turn off their inane late-night phone-in. It was a difficult operation in the dark. I did not know which was the off switch and the owner might easily have woken up and thumped me. Violence, I philosophised, is a part of working-class culture that the middle classes construct edifices of privilege and law to avoid. But if the edifices had crumhted, I reasoned, I had the advantage of being awake and comparatively sober. The Welsh yobs slumbered on.

They were asleep still when, at 6.30am, I rose, dressed and silently left. On the dressing table by the stairs I left the requisite £10 for the sleeping landlady. Hotels, I decided. were not so had after all.



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Leo Jaffe

As Chairman of the Board of Columbia Pictures, Leo Jaffe. a scrupulously honest and deeply honourable man, was responsible for chairing a series of astounding internecine boardroom struggles that re-sulted in the disgraced Colum-hia executive, the liar and felon David Begelman, having his forfeited position virtually restored to glory, and the honest broker executive Alan Hirschfield removed from his position as President simply because he had incurred the wrath of certain board members.

The so-called "Begelman Scandal", duhbed "Holly-woodgate" by the New York Post's reporter Liz Smith, broke in the autumn of 1976 when the actor Cliff Robertson discovered that a cheque made out to him and allegedly endorsed by his own signature had never reached him, nor was he due any payment from Columbia. It transpired that Robertson was one of four Hollywood residents, including the director Martin Ritt, whose names had been forged by the former agent David Begelman, then Columbia Pictures' senior executive vice-president, and head of Columbia Pictures Studios.

Jaffe was the first person to be confided in by Hirschfield, the head of Columbia. Although much of Jaffe's own authority had been curtailed on Hirschfield's installation, Jaffe was rightly regarded as venerable and influential. Jaffe stayed on, weathering the Begelman

scandal with dignity until 1981. Leo Jaffe had been majoring in husiness studies at New York University when he took a summer joh at Columbia in 1930, only six years after the studio had been officially founded by Harry Cohn and his brother Jack Cohn. Jaffe was offered a permanent auditing position at the completion of his summer job. He accepted, and managed to complete his formal education at night. Under Harry Cohn, aided greatly by the director Frank Capra, Columbia Pieces (1970), key examples of

dragged itself up from its poverty-row bootstraps, and Leo Jaffe rose through the ranks to hecome vice-president in 1954, assistant treasurer vicepresident in 1956, first vice-president treasurer in 1958 and ex-

ecutive vice-president in 1962. Jack Cohn died in 1956, and Harry Cohn followed two years later – after Columbia's stag-gering 1957 multiple Oscar win with The Bridge On The River Kwai - ending a truly remarkable period where Columbia Pictures, unlike any other Hollywood studio, had never gone into the red. Sam Briskin succeeded Cohn as the head of production, and it was he who



promoted Leo Jaffe to vice-pres-

dent, and the associate Abe Schneider to chief executive. The studio enjoyed a run of European-based bits, including The Guns of Navarone (1961), Lawrence of Arabia (1962), and Dr Strangelove (1964), which were both critical and popular successes, prompting Jaffe and Schneider to open a London

base to 1965. This resulted in a flurry of "swingin' London" movies, but also in the excellent A Man For All Seasons (1966) and Oliver! (1968). The Sixties were good for Columhia, with across-the-board triumphs like Born Free (1966)

from the British base, and the

tremendously influential Easy

Rider (1969) and Five Easy

a perceived new independence American cinema

a year when Columbia was

verging on a \$300m take Begel-

man was revealed to have em-

bezzled over \$61,000 - a petty

sum in Hollywood terms - by forging signatures and abusing

his position. At a series of in-

tense board meetings, presided over by Jaffe, Hirschfield right-

ly tried to have the errant

Begeiman removed, hut Co-

Begelman's own popularity within the closed film commu-

nity made that exceedingly dif-

ual liar and appropriator of oth-

Jaffe, whose boardroom speech was reported in David Mc-

Clintick's Indecent Exposure

shareholders, and our employ-

ees. What do we say to the next

person who steals? Do we have

a double standard? Executives

It was a powerful, reasoned,

can steal, but employees at a

cogent, humanitarian argu-

ment; but the board, impressed

by Begelman's own appearance before it, turned against

Hirschfield and Jaffe, and

amazingly Begelman, though

initially suspended, was rein-

stated in a stronger position than ever. It was Jaffe who pub-

licly announced that if Begel-

man was to return to Columbia,

Hirschfield must have a new

contract, to show that he was ac-

was also Jaffe, as chairman, who

was entrusted with informing

the California police that Co-

lumbia would not file charges

against Begelman.

lower level can't?"

But the early Seventies saw a series of expensive catastrophes - Richard Harris as Cromwell (1970), Liv Ullman in the ntterly unnecessary musical version of Lost Horizon (1973), the over-long and simplistic Independence musical 1776 (1972) - that seemed unstoppable. These were megabudget movies with little audience potential to justify their costs, leaving Columbia with debts of \$220m, and extremely vulnerable. This led to the Wall Street investment hanking firm of Herbert A. Allen & Company picking up the studios, and to

the promotion of Leo Jaffe as chairman of the board in 1973. The veteran producer Ray Stark masterminded Allen's 1973 take-over. He hired Alan Hirschfield as head of Columhia Picture Industries, and David Begelman as president of Columbia Picture Studios, both with the title President and Chief Executive Officer, under Jaffe's Board Chairmanship.

Under this new management, Columbia began the long climb back. New movies were openly more adult, the creative responsibility, though supervised as tightly as any studio in Hollywood, offering a degree of new freedom under Hirschfield and Begel-

man's benign liberal control.
Their 1973 story purchase Watch The Skies! was to become 1977's success Close Encounters of the Third Kind; a tale loosely based on a local hairdresser became 1975's adult hit Shampoo; Martin Scorsese delivered the as-tonishing Taxi Driver (1975); Oliver Stone wrote the sensaconver stone wrote the sensa-tionalist expose Midnight Express (1977), while Tommy (1975), The Deep (1977), and Funny Lady (1975, the sequel to the smash Funny Girl) were proof, if proof were needed, that the studio was well and truly back on its feet under the new regime.

Understandably, Hirschfield was furious, and Begelman's victim Cliff Robertson went public over the affair. Hirschfield But it was on the eve of the premiere of Close Encounters of the Third Kind that the Begelused Jaffe as a conduit to communicate with the board, and on man affair burst wide open. In 31 March 1978 Begelman was finally arrested on four charges of felony - one count of grand theft and three counts of forgery.

Hirschfield had angered Her-bert Allen by his handling of the affair, and Jaffe was asked to give him the news that Allen wished him fired along with the eventual removal of Begelman

Variety reported Jaffe as say-ing that he hoped Hirschfield lumhia's new track record and would be retained, but on 5 July 1978 he was removed as President of Columbia, ceding power to Daniel Melnick and Frank ficult, despite the fact that Price, who became responsible Begelman was clearly a habitfor a run of success including Gandhi (1982) and The Karate Kid franchises.

er people's money. The whole affair appalled Jaffe stayed on as chairman until 1981, and was proud to witness a major Columbia success with Kramer vs Kramer (1979), a marvellous tear-jerker pro-(1982): "There are certain. things you can forgive a man for doing as a himan being, but that have no place in a publicly-owned company. We have to think about the public, the

duced by Leo's own son Stanley.

Jaffe stepped down as chairman immediately before the Coca-Cola Corporation bought Columbia Pictures for a figure of between \$700m and \$800m (about \$70 per Columbia share), before the two smash hits of the Eighties, Tootsie (1982) and Ghostbusters (1984), and worked during the latter years of Co-iumbia's disarray for President Reagan, as chairman of the US

Information Agency, 1981-88. In 1979, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recognised Jaffe by awarding him an Oscar, the select noncompetitive Jean Hersholt Hu-manitarian Award, industry awareness that amongst one of the most appallingly corrupt scandals from a town drenched in scandal Leo Jaffe alone emerged with both honour and tually running the company. It credit.

Tony Sloman

Leo Jaffe, film executive: born New York 23 April 1909; vice-president, Columbia Pictures 1954-56, assistant treasurer vice-president 1956-58, vicepresident-treasurer 1958-62, executive vice-president 1962-73, chairman of the board 1973-81; married; died New York 20 August 1997.

ing on my many memories of

the original. But there was one

major difference between Lu-can and Rolland, despite the arms that wagged like railway signals and funny flat feet. Rol-land was completely unable to

manage the proper Riley gab-ble-talk, much of which I still re-

call from Lucan's 1942 radio series. "Good evening, Mr and

Mrs Wavelength, long, short and medium, Home and Forces and

the cat's-whisker. It's me. I'm

After the Jess Yates scandals

here and I'm taking the air!"

and the disappearance of Junior Show Time, Rolland found him-

self a guest star in Danny La

Rue's Summer Show at the

Blackpool Opera House. Here

the two masters of drag played Mother Riley and her daughter

Kitty in the remarkable recre-

ation of the first great Lucan

and McShane sketch from the

1930s. "Bridget's Night Out" be-

gan with Riley lamenting the lateness of Kitty's homecoming.

The clock strikes three: "One

o'clock three times!" The finale

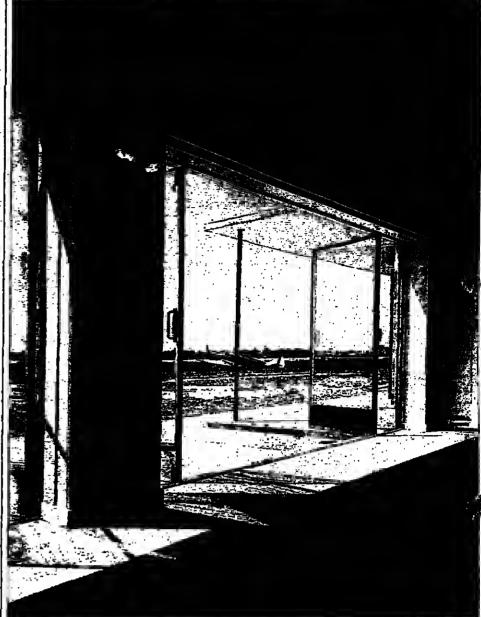
is a melée of smashed crockery

as a huge dresser full of plates

and dishes is reduced to rubble.

It was the last laugh of British

music-hall and of Rolland.



Simple but modern: toswich airport, designed by Hening in 1938; to his delight, it was listed in 1999

Robert Hening

Working as a young assistant to the architect Oswald P. Milne in 1930, Robert Hening was sent to Dartington Hall. Devon, where Dorothy and Leonard Elmhirst were establishing their experiment in rural regeneration and progressive education, with Milne as their favoured architect. Bill Curry, the new headmaster of Dartington School, insisted that his house be designed not by the conser-vative Milne but by the Swiss-American modernist William Lescaze. Hening exchanged ar-chitectural allegiances and stayed on in the congenial atmosphere of Dartingtoo to help in the construction of the flatroofed, blue-and-white painted

High Cross House, a long and tortuous process. Later buildings by Lescaze, for which Hening was an indispensable intermediary. displayed the practical and economic advantages of modernism as well as its aesthetics, and for this development Hening was chiefly responsible. His letters and reports survive in the Dartington Archives (now housed at the restored High Cross), showing his skill with words as well as with building materials. In common with several English modernists, he

huilding. Born in Wallasey, Hening came from a family with strong sea-going connections, hut after education at Wallasey Grammar School he broke the family tradition and, provoked by the ugliness of his immediate surroundings, became an articled pupil of the Liverpool architect Edmund Ware. Although hriefly at University College London, he did not bother with architectural exams

became particularly interested

in new potential for timber

almost Arts and Crafts understanding of modern architecture as a way of planning and huilding for the greatest benefit and least maintenance to the user. In 1937 Hening went into

partnership with Anthony Chit-

ty, an old Etonian former member of Tecton, the partnership formed in 1932 by Berthold Lubetkin. Their qualities were complementary, Chitty urbane and Hening brusque, neither be-ing designers of star quality. Their principal pre-war works were municipal airports commissioned by Whitney Straight, Dorothy Elmbirsl's son by her first marriage, who was skilled at persuading local councils to pay for airports which he then operated. The buildings at Exeter and Ipswich were simple but modern, with good facilities for cating and drinking and even

for playing squash. The Ip-swich airport of 1938 was list-ed in 1996, to Hening's delight. After Hening's war service in the Royal Engineers, finishing in Burma, Hening and Chitty resumed their practice and put through a sizeable amount of housing, commercial, industrial and educational work hefore Chitty's retirement in the mid-1960s and Hening's gradual winding-down of the remaining

He relished the difficulties of ost-war building, adopting the Hertfordshire system of prefabrication for several schools. Hening and Chitty's parallel ranks of six-storey flats (274 units in 12 blocks) in Cromer Street, St Paneras, 1946-50, built mainly for railway workers, attracted attention with a mixed palette of materials including novel aggregate-faced clauding slabs for the end walls which weathered well until a recent total recladding. Ian Nairn or theory, displaying instead an compared their seven- and ten-

storey Domhey Street flat Holborn, 1947-49, to the socia realism of Vittorio de Sica's file Bicycle Thieves (1947), his high

est commeodation. Hening continued to wo Dartington, designing the 12 er Close student accommoda tion and the Music School fo the College of Arts, which wa so successful-that its specifical tion was requested by institu tions all over the world.

Dorothy Elmhirst asked him one day for a design for a build ing to act as a focus on a wood ed hilltop at a distant point in the garden. After rejecting dozels of possibilities, she warmed to the idea of a classical garden lanple, suggesting that it migh be circular. This sort of workwas outside Hening's range, at Leonard Elmhirst's proming he compromised on a micircle, making an untypic hut successful finale to his ong

Dartington career. Michael Murray, wh came an Associate Partni, recalls Hening telephoing contractors and clerks of orks and enjoying a good row istart the day. He could spot tailing mistakes on a drawingoard instantly and always askewhat happened at the end at the

corners. Tall and handsome. Thert Hening enjoyed cars, food clothes, travel and tellingbries of his wartime experiend. He wrote poetry througho his life and in his long retirpent he explored much of buth London on foot, study its buildings.

Alan Prerz

Robert Hening, architectrone Wallasey, Cheshire 23 July 06; MBE 1946; married 193 fiola James (died 1988; one soione daughter); died London July 1997.

Roy Rolland

Following in a film star's foot- scenes, and gone on stage for his steps is not an easy task, even for what today passes for a professional lookalike. But when that star was an old Irish washerwoman io bonnet, shawl and button-boots on the outside, and a man who never showed his inside, then the substitute performer is a rare one indeed.

Such a man was Roy Rolland. For the younger generation who never saw the famous comedian Arthur Lucan as the original Old Mother Riley, except perhaps in a foggy film re-run on early Channel 4, hut instead grew up with Yorkshire Television's Junior Showtime in the Seventies, the other Old Mother Riley will be an hilarious memory, even if they never knew she was really a man called Rolland.

Rolland was born in 1921 in Oldham, Lancashire, and thus, like his Mrs Riley predecessor. was never Irish: Lucan was born Arthur Towle in Boston, Lincoinshire. Despite being 34 years younger than Lucan, when Rolland was in his Riley make-up, white wig with a bun and a hig bump on the end of his nose, the two comedians could have done a perfect twin sister act. Of course, Rolland had a master of make-up to show him how, for he had spent some valuable apprentice time both on stage and in film studio as Lucan's standin, doubled for some active the touring hills as both Old Mother woung impressionist (his Hughie

guv'nor when Lucan's liquor consumption rose to an excess, an occurrence ever more frequent in Lucan's later life.

The teenage Rolland, always in love with show husiness, started as a lowly cast member private face to the public on the of concert parties and seaside summer shows around the North of England. Never making much of a name for himself. it was not until he happened by chance to meet Lucan around 1950 that he got his big break.

In 1952 Lucan made his final film, Mother Riley Meets the Varnpire, a horror comic starring Bela Lugosi, the original screen Dracula who was touring England at the time. This was Lucan's only film without his lifetime costar, Kitty McShane, who had grown too old and overweight to play Ma Riley's daughter. Dora Bryan was cast instead, and Rolland was Lucan's stand-in.

The Lucan and McShane team finally split assunder with Kitty retiring into drunken management and Lucan into drunken performance. On the evening of 17 May 1954, at the Tivoli Theatre, Hull, as the chorus girls cried "Here comes Old Mother Riley!" Lucan dropped dead in the wings. The understudy Frank Seton took over, and Mc-Shane soon sent for Rolland.

For a while Rolland topped



ter of drag: Rolland as Old Mother Riley In Junior Showtime, 1973

seems to have happened after some contretemps with Mc-Shane. She died in 1964, after which Rolland moved to Rhyl Here at the Gaity Theatre he starred in locally popular revues with a pantomime every Christ-mas. Naturally he played the dame, who naturally was called Old Mother Riley, hut now and then he made a change by portraying a fashionahly-frocked Old Mother Goose. In 1974, Jess Yates, then in

charge of children's programmes at Yorkshire Television, was producing a weekly variety show called Junior Show-

nic Langford was his smart little stooge. Inspired perhaps by seeing Rolland at Rhyl, Yates popped him into a regular sketch in the heart of the show. Old Mother Riley, music-hall queen of the Thirties, film star of the Forties, was back in action, a telly star of the Seventies. Riley entered from her cot-

tage in Paradise Row, waved farewell to Ivy Ginochie, her neighbour, and sang "Tli Be Your Long Dead Liver From Loverpool" as she made out her shopping list: "Half of best end of duck and three quarters of silverside of goose!" I was the script-writer, draw- gust 1997.

Kelly, a name-change that Green was especially hrilliant), seems to have happened after played the host, and tiny Bon-

Denis Gifford Roy Rolland, comedian: born Oldham, Lancashire 29 June 1921; died Rhyl, Clwyd 16 Au-

Misael Pastrana

Colombia, with disastrous re-

sults in terms of the violence,

distrust and alienation from

political life that can be seen

During his four years in of-

Misael Pastrana Borrero was president of Columbia in the early 1970s, a time of great hope that the divisive violence which had heset Colombia for many years could be overcome. But Pastrana lived to see these bopes cruelly dashed, as political sectarianism, and the corrupting power of huge drugs interests, left Colombia more explosively violent and divided than ever before.

He was born in the southern city of Neiva in 1923. As with many politicians, he studied law and then worked as a magistrate in his native city, where he also ran a magazine that proposed radical change to solve the country's problems. It was came involved in mainstream politics, and by 1947 was working in the Colombian embassy at the Vatican.

His national political career began at the end of the 1940s when he worked as private sec-retary for the Conservative president Ospina Perez. In the 1950s. Colombia was torn apart by the struggle between sup-porters of the two traditional parties, the Conservatives and the Liberals. More than 300,000 people died in what is simply known as "la violoncia".

In 1953, the leaders of the two parties worked out a "National Front" pact in which they agreed to alternate in power and share ministerial renot long however before he be- sponsibilities, in order to bring

an end to the violence and also to keep out the military strongman Gustavo Rojas Pinilla.

Misael Pastrana served as a minister under several of these National Front administrations. Although the two main parties were successful in this power-sharing, Rojas Pinilia could command a large following, and it is still a matter of great debate in Colombia as to whether Pastrana or the former dictator won the 19 April 1970 elections. Counting was suspended after several hours, and it was not until the next day that Pastrana was declared the winner by the tiny margin of 63,000 votes.

fice, Pastrana was cautiously progressive. He sought to increase employment opportunities with a famous four-point Rojas Pinilla's supporters strategy. He attempted to boost considered they had been robbed of victory, and subsenational savings as a way of

quently formed the "April 19 moving away from dependency on foreign investment and cred-it, and be extended pensions Movement", better-known as the M-19 guerrilla group, which sought to take power by violent rights for many people. means. Critics of the Conservative-Liberal pact have argued that it was their sharing of

At the same time, he was a champion of "a car for every Colombian family", and was instrumental in bringing the power that excluded not only the M-19, but many other groups from political life in French car-makers Renault to Colombia. He also promoted the first national environmental legislation in Latin America.

The end of his four year-term in office came in 1974, which also saw the end of the National Front governments. Pastrana then took on the mantle of the "natural leader" of the Conservative party. He proved un-able to hold the different factions of the party together,

however, and in consequence stood as candidate in the 1994 there has only been one Conservative president since his own term in office.

As an elder statesman, Pastrana was appointed a member of the Constituent Assembly in 1991 which tried once again to resolve Colombia's political turmoil by reforming the Constitution in a way that would allow more sectors of society to play a role in national politics. Pastrana soon resigned out of disgust at the manceuvres going on to make it constitutionally impossible to extradite suspected drugs traffickers to the

United States. By this time, leadership of the Conservative party had passed to Pastrana's son, Andres, who

elections and seemed an almost sure winner. In the second round however, he was beaten by the revitalised campaign of the liberal candidate, Funesto Samper - a campaign which Misael Pastrana and many other Colombians were convinced had been largely financed by the drugs cartels. This led him to in-creasingly bitter attacks on the new president, until ill-health forced his retirement. At his death, though, both political friends and opponents praised his honesty and his complete devotion to his political cause.

Nick Caistor Misael Pastrana Borrero, politi-cian: born Neiva, Colombia 14



November 1923; Minister oft Interior, Columbia 1966-68, hbassador to the United Stes 1968-69; President of Column 1970-74; married Maria Crista Arango (three sons; one date-(cr); died Santa Fe de Bogo, Columbia 21 August 1997.

DEATHS

DEATHS

HAWKSWORTH: Jonathan Miles, died 13 August, aged 26, whilst on holiday in Turkey. He is deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family brothers Simon, James and Matthew, parents Diana and Roger and grandmother Joan - and all of his friends. The funeral service will be held at St. Mary's, Worplesdon, Guildford, on 28 August at Ham. Flowers may be sent to J. Monk and Sons, 3 Artillery Barrace, Guildford GUI 4NL.

EMP. The Rev Michael Rouse, aged 61. Beloved husband of Mary, father and Lower and Lower

6t. Beloved Instrand of Mary, father of John and Debbie, Robert and Jo, grundfather of Anastasia. Suddenly on

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senior civil servant, 75; The Right Rev Alan Chesters, Bishop of Black-burn, 60; Mrs Joan Clanchy, former headmistress, North London Collegiate School, 58: Mr Howard Clark, golfer, 43; Mr Michael Cockerell, relevision reporter, 57; Mr Richard Dales, former High Commissioner to Zimbabwe, 55; Mr Peter Fowler, former High Commissioner to Bangladesh, 61; Sir Anthony Garrett, former deputy Master and Comp-

troller, the Royal Mint, 69; Mr Stu-art Graham, former chairman, Inremational Commodities Clearing House, 76; Mr Tim Maby, radio news reporter, 50; Sir Iam McGregor, tropical medicine authority, 75; Mr David Martin MEP, 43; Mr Malcolm

Pyrah show jumper, 56; Miss Alison Steadman, actress, 51; Mr Dennis Turner MP, 55; General Sir Harry Tizzo, former deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 80; Professor John Varey, former prinarpal, West-field College, 75; Mr Dave Wotta MP, 46; The Right Rev Maurice Wood, former Bishop of Norwich, 8t; Mr Steve Wright, disc jockey, 43.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, statesman, 1676; Joseph-Michel Montgolfier, balloonist, 1740; Prince Albert, Consort to Queen Victoria, 1819; Sir John Buchan, first Baron Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada and novelist, 1875; Guillaume Apollinaire (Wilhelm Apollinaris de Kostrowitsky), poet, 1880; Christopher William Bradshow Isherwood, novelist, 1904. Deaths: Frans Hals, painter, 1666; Antoni van Leeuwenhock, naturalist and microscopist, 1723; Louis-Philippe, "Citizen King" of France,

1850; William James, psychologist and philosopher, 1910; Lon (Alonso) Chaney, film actor, 1930; Frank (James Thomas) Harris, editor and author, 1931; Ralph Vaughan Williams, composer, 1958; Sir Francis Charles Chichester, aviator and yachtsman, 1972; Charles Augustus Lindbergh, pioneer aviator, 1974; Charles Boyer, film actor, 1978. On this day: Julius Cagsar landed in this day, Julius Caesar landed in Britain, 55 BC, King Edward III, aid-ed by the Black Prince, his son, deleated the French at the Battle of Creey, 1346; Frederick the Great re-

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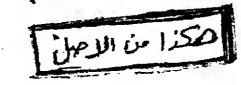
the indecisive Battle of Zomdorf.

1758; Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah was first performed, Birmingham Fes-tival, 1846; Krakatoa, the island vollival, 1840; Kriikatoa, the Island vol-cano began erupting, killing over 36,000 people, 1883; under the 19th Amendment women in the US were granted the right to vote, 1920; the Anglo-Egyptian alliance was signed, 1936; the XXth Olympic Games opened in Munich, 1972; Cardinal Albino Luciani was elected Pope John Paul I, 1978. Today is the Feast Day of St Bregwine, archbishop of Can-terbury. St Elizabeth Bichier des Ages, St Herluin, St John Wall, St Mary Desmaisieres, St Pandonia and St Teresa Jornet Thars.

Lectures

National Gallery: Mari Griffith, bies (4): Birthtrays - two paintis of The Abduction of Helen", Tpu Tate Gallery: Justine Hopkins, "This Inste: in the beginning ..., 1pm: British Museum: Paul Colli-Changing Views of Mesopotami.

Changing of the Guard The King's Troop Royal Horse Artill mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Hos Guards, tlam.



Internecine warfare adds to uncertainty dogging WH Smith

WH Smith, the 205-year-old retailing group feeling the heat of institutional dismay, could hold centre stage this week. Tomorrow it is due to produce yearly results and under normal circumstances could be expected to outline its plans. pected to outline its plans, eveo offering a few hints where it is going.

But normality is something which has deserted the famous old newspaper distributor. It is operating in something of a power-vacuum without a chief executive and with four internal candidates jockeying for the top job. There also appears to be noe nutsider, ex-Burton

director Stuart Rose.
Bill Cockburn, the former Post Office chief called in to heing involved in the selection shake up the bewhiskered group and redefine its future group and redefine and receive com-petitive and ever changing retail industry, has quit.

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The Cockhurn desk was, however, vacated at the beginning of August Insiders paint a gloomy picture of life at the top without Mr Cock-

burn nr a replacement. The group, they say, lacks strategic directino. And the four internal candidates can hardly be expected unt to take every opportunity to improve their chances. Each has sup-porters within the group which has, in effect, led to factional

infighting.
Chairman Jeremy Hardie is the stop-gap chief executive, Drocedure

Sean Eddie, Jnhn Richards and Nathan Cockrell, the retail team at NatWest Securities, say

as head of its domestic operaover the next few months".

NatWest expects profits to come nut at £125m. In the previous year, as Mr Cockburn indulged in a sweeping reorganisation, Smith suffered its first loss, a unt insignificant £194.7m.

Although the shares have falleo sharply from the heady days when the Cockburn presence inspired confidence, they have enjoyed the necasional flurry as takeover hopes have surfaced.

Two stories go the rounds. One is a break-up bid, an adventure which would not be easy to accomplish at a profit. Still, some fund managers think breaking up is the option Smith's management, when in place, should expinre. One of the company's directors is



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attempted when Virgin re-cently nffered £135m fnr Smith's 75 per cent of the Our Price record chain. Virgin holds the balance. The proposal was action



rejected by Mr Cockburn. The nther recurring yarn is an old-fashioned takeover, with Tesco itching to provide the predatory

The superstures group is anxious in develop its Metropatient with the slowness of piecemeal expansion and sees, it is said, the Smith chain as a

also faltered. The hesitancy is a blow to fund managers whn specialise in small companies and the army of private investors who feel drawn to the market's under-card.

Hugn Deschampsneufs, chairman nf little Athelney Trust which specialises in smaller husinesses, is happy to report a 23.6 per cent asset value increase but dismayed at the big-is-beautiful attitude of

large institutional investors.
He complains institutions style outlets. It has become im- are preoccupied with bloe chips. They have alighted on big companies because they feel "a bell will sound for the end of short cut to achieving its goal.

There is some dehate whether Tesco would keep or sell shops and parts of the business which would not fit its the business which we will not the business which we

He adds: "I think that this strategy is flawed and many of

become more compelling as market performance has lagged behind the Continent.

this year, shooting for a yearend 4,600, but is on 5,100 for it shoots for 5,450.

Although Smith is the only major company with figures tomorrow the traditional blue-chip reporting day, Thursday, offers Ladbroke, Reckitt &

giant, has become more posi-tive although its market rating should gallop in with a 30 per

nas merely moved from under-weight to neutral.

It points out that London re-mains "the most inexpensive market in Europe" and the "relative valuation picture has become more compelling as the expectation.

Now sharn of traditional

lines like Colman's mustard year's time standing at 5,000 and Rohinsoo's barley water the group concentrates on such areas as pharmaceuticals and

It is one of the market's old end 4,600, but is on 3,100 in and August. The most bullish next August. The most bullish is the current favnurite to pounce. Chief executive Vergounce. Chief executive Vergounce is used to the takeover chestnuts - Unilever oon Sankey is used to the rumours which have abounded, since he joined R&C in 1971.

Rolls-Royce, the aero engine group, is likely to produce interim profits comfortably

THE TAKE LEVEL	tail industry, has quit. He announced his departure in June but was expected to remain at the struggling group	although the search for a new man at the top may not be con- cluded for another month "the effects of the current inter-	the company's directors is rumoured to be in favour of a dismanlling exercise. What could have been the first move in any break-up was	250 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200	Last week was again volatile for equities, with Footsie experiencing another fraught Friday. Significantly, the revival in the second and third-liners	strategy is flawed and many of them will oot succeed in spot- ting the time when it comes." As fir blue chips, Goldman Sachs, the US investment	offers Ladbroke, Reckitt & Colman, Rolls-Royce and T&N. The betting to hotel group, fresh from its 49's fixed-odds	higher at £131m against £79m and engineer T&N should nffer six-month figures nf £68m, down from £85m.
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Threat of rise in German rates grows

Clifford German

The prospect of a rise in German interest rates increased yesterday after provisional figures suggested German inflation had risen to 2 per cent over the 12 months to August, the first tempts to qualify for member-12 months to August, the first time it had reached the 2 per cent threshold since April 1995.

The increase from 1.7 per cent in the year to July was announced by the Federal Statis-tics Office, based on provisional figures from four German states. If the new figure is confirmed when full figures are released next month it lifts the inflation rate up to the Bun-

desbank's target rate.

Capital investment and construction activity remain depressed and unemployment is still high, but the Bundesbank also revised German industri
The rate has been unchanged at 3 per cent for more than a year.

The German stock markets al output figures for June upwards yesterday from 1.4 per cent to 3 per cent, while the International Monetary Fund confirmed forecasts for a buoy-ant German economy, with growth reaching 2.3 per cent this year and 2.6 per cent next year.

The IMF also said the German government's budget deficit would be 3.1 per cent of gross domestic product this year and could even meet the 3.0 per cent target to qualify for membership of the single Eu-

The majority of dealers and analysts still expect the Bundesbank to delay a response to the figures, especially because Chancellor Helmut Kohl is due to meet the French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in Bonn on Thursday, the first of a series of ministerial meetings over the tone for progress towards Street.

monetary union in 1999

French finance minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn warned yesterday of an adverse effect on the French government's ship of the European single currency if US or German interest rates rise. As long as they do not raise rates the French economy could expect healthy growth of between 29 per cent and 3 per cent next year.

A precautionary rise in German interest rates could however be signalled as early as today when the Bundesbank sets its weekly repo rate at which it will make funds available to the money markets.

The German stock market month, shrugged off comments by Chancellor Kohl that he has no intention of reshuffling his cab-inet in spite of calls from his coalition partners the CSU for an extra seat to compensate them for the abolition of the ministry of telecommunications

German interest rates, the dollar fell below 1.82 marks yesterday and German shares failed to recover from Friday's 4 per cent fall. Most shares ended lower in late trading, led by the leading bank shares. Dresdner Bank closed down 3.10 at

73.60 marks. Elsewhere in Europe trading was generally subdued but stock markets were torn between fears of a rise in German interest rates and optimism inspired by the continuing next month which will set the strength of shares on Wall

The Paris Bourse lost initial gains of around 1 per cent and the CAC-40 index closed 5.66 lower at 2,898.57 because of worries about the knock-on effects of higher German in-terest rates. Banks and financial stocks were worst affected.

Car stocks Peugeot and Renault both rallied however, after the French finance minister said a tax on diesel fuel would only be justified if it applied in all EU countries. The shares had fallen last week on fears that the French government would unilaterally apply a tax on diesel fuel to limit pollution. Thomson-CSF and Dassault Aviation continued gains made last Friday after the defence minister confirmed decisions on the future of the two companies would be announced next

Swiss shares also closed lower, and the Dutch market lost most of its early gains because of the signals from Ger-many. But the Italian market still ended the day higher, fol-lowing the strength of Wall

tter this year.

Shares in New York shrugged
But anticipating a rise in off initial losses and the Dow Jones index was almost 60 points higher by mid-morning before suffering a fresh down-turn which reduced the gains to 15 points by midday. The market is now waiting for news of US durable goods orders and US consumer confidence figures for July, both due today. Earlier the Tokyo market

was flat but Hong Kong posted gains of around 1 per cent as fears of a run on the currency subsided and the H share index of Chinese stocks rose sharply. Shares in Australia also gained ground, led by gold stocks.



John Willcock

Books etc, an independent book store chain based in the South-east, plans to come to the market this autumn to fund acquisitions and a near-doubling of its 20-store network by 2001. Richard Joseph, who found-

ed Books etc with his father Philip Joseph in 1981, said yes-terday the full listing would raise £5m-£7m in new money and val-ue the business at £30m-£40m.

"We believe there is a lot more consolidation to come in the book-selling business, and the flotation will give us the ability to make acquisitions when the opportunities arise." Mr Joseph said:

He will become chairman and chief executive of the company while Nigel Whittaker, a former director of Kingfisher, will become non-executive vested a lot in systems and

Flotation to open a new chapter for Books etc

deputy chairman. The placing to institutions will also enable the company to expand further. outside the South-east where its

20 stores are concentrated. Mr Joseph aims to open 14 more shops over the next four years including stores in Man-chester and Edinburgh.

In the year to 31 January 1997 the company made a pre-tax profit of £2.2m on turnover of £31.15m. Mr Joseph is confident the company can pursue rapid growth. We have a good name in London, and we have in-

people," he says. He points out that the UK book market is worth around £3.2bn and is forecast to grow at 5 per cent a year for the foresceable fu-ture. Independent retail chains account for 21 per cent of the market.

Charterhouse Tilney Securities has been appointed spon-sor and stockbroker to the float. Mark Sebba, a former director of Charterhouse bank and finance director of Golden Rose Communications, will also join the board as a non-execu-

Selling books runs in the family, according to Mr Joseph. His father Philip used to run Exclusive Books, a shop chain in South Africa which is still going strong. Joseph senior will retire as chairman of Books etc following the float and will become a non-executive direc-

The company prides itself on being innovative, says Mr Joseph. He claims it was one of the first UK booksellers to adopt a "lifestyle retailing concept" into its stores. This included introducing coffee shops browsing areas and a "money-

He says Books etc was also the first specialist chain to identify the potential of airports for successful book selling. The group operates three airport

Ten years ago Hambro Group Investments took a 30 per cent stake to help the business grow. Under the flotation plan John May, managing dia rector of Hambro Group In vestments, will join the board as non-executive director.

Mr Joseph dismisses the threat of competition from Internet-based book sellers, a number of which have been launched and floated recently. "Most people who buy books

want to see and feel them and read a chapter first before they

Property sales set to boost BG profits by £100m Greenalls

Chris Godsmark

Business Correspondent

BG, the former British Gas, is set to boost its profits by revealing property sales worth more than £100m in its next set of results next month, fuelling speculation that the company may be on the verge of a share huy-hack worth up to £2bn. Managers in the group's property division have used the

booming property market to sell some of the 1.100 sites under management, about 800 of which were former contaminated gas works or depots. Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply business, inherited a further 300 sites when the two sides of the old company split earlier this year. The British Gas property portfolio has already fallen from 2,000 sites in 1994. Since the start of this year BG

has made several high-profile sales of London office buildings as the group's workforce shrank. One building, in Marble Arch in London's West End, raised £19m, while two more office blocks in Holborn, close to the City of London, raised another £25m. Company sources said BG

would have sold around 200 smaller sites outside the capital by the end of June.

BG pointed out that the cash made by selling most contami-nated gas works sites was off-set by the cost of cleaning them. BG is required to undertake statutory decontamination work before each sale. However, the impact on BG's overall profits is less because the clean-up effort is largely covered by an existing £400m provision in its

accounts. "The property market is do- in the second half of this year

ing well at the moment and we're taking advantage of it. But it's not fair to take a snapshot of the situation at any particular point in time. You can't look at the money raised without looking at the costs," a source

Though the benefit from London property sales has mostly been completed, there is expected to be a further boost

from gas works sites sold to supermarket chains.

Analysts last week said the property sales were one of the reasons for the recent rise in BG's share price, with NatWest Securities raising their forecast for the shares to 280p. They closed on Friday up 3.5p in falling stock market, to 263.5p.

BG is considering making share buy-backs in a move to raise its borrowings. Analysts

predicted they could total up to £2bn, though the move would prove controversial, with customers and the industry watchdog, Ofgas.

The company had fought Ofgas's plans to slash its pipeline charges, claiming they represented the "biggest smash and grab raid ever". But BG accepted the proposals after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation.

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Monitor pays Willetts £25,000 for day a month

John Willcock

David Willetts, MP for Havant, who resigned as Paymaster General last December, has been appointed an adviser to Monitor Company, an American management consultancy. Mr Willetts will be paid £25,000 a year by Monitor for around half-a-day's work a fortnight, he said yesterday. He will add this to his other part-time

post that he gained in June, that of economic adviser to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the German-owned investment bank.

Monitor was founded in Boston in 1983 by graduates of Harvard Business School, and most of the firm's 800 staff are still based in that city, with 100

in London. Richard Rawlinson, a spokes-man for Monitor, said: "We advise mostly large multi-national companies on competitiveness issues. We see Mr Willetts helping us on the organisational par-allels between governments and businesses. It will basically be a research job. He will also sit on in which he was sharply criti-



David Willetts: 'They seem to be very sophisticated Monitor's Eurasian Board of

Advisers." Mr Willetts said: "They approached me, and they seemed to be be very sophisticated an-alysts of business strategy. I hope to be working with specific clients, but it's early days."

Mr Willetts quit as a minis-

ter last autumn immediately after the publication of a report

cised by the Tory-dominated Standards and Privileges Committee which examined the allegation that he attempted to subvert a parliamentary inquiry into the Neil Hamilton "cashfor-questions" affair. Mr Rawlinson said the fact that Mr Willetts had resigned

from the previous government had not affected Monitor's at-titude to him: "We're interested in his intellectual qualities. He's respected as one of the best thinkers around today." Mr Willetts is also a former Whip who has had a considerable influence over strategic pol-

icy-making in the Conservative party over the last 10 years. He was consultant director of the Conservative Research Department from 1987 to 1992. A graduate of Christ Church Oxford, he began his career in the civil service and was a Trea-

sury official from 1978 to 1984. He went on to become a memher of the Downing Street Policy Unit for two years. Then, for five years, he directed the Centre for Policy Studies.

Euro will go ahead on time, say economists

membership, according to a survey of 12 eminent economists carried out by the European Movement (EM), writes John Willcock. A majority of those polled expect the currency to be broadly successful.

None of the panellists expect the UK to join EMU in the first wave, however. The panel of economists includes Patrick Minford, Professor of Economics at Liverpool University, and Tim Congdon, director of Lomhard Street Research.

The EM is a cross-party pres-sure group with Sir Edward Heath as its president and Peter Mandelson as one of its vicechairmen. It said yesterday that it would publish its economists' panel survey each quarter "as a contribution to the EMU

The halance of the panel at the moment expects monetary union to be hroadly successful. Two of the economists see this success as unqualified, whilsi others list factors such as the

The European single currency and the approach of the Euro-will go ahead on schedule on 1 January 1999 with a hroad the success or failure of EMU. the success or failure of EMU.

Those who believe that EMU will be a success cite low interest rates, low unemployment and low inflation as benefits of a single currency.

Fears of the euro's failure focus on the reduction of monetary flexibility and the risk that the European Central Bank will set interest rates too

Most of the panellists expect membership of EMU to be hroad, with between nine and

13 countries joining. Stephen Woodard, director of the EM, said: "The single currency debate in this country has suffered from too much ill-in-formed speculation and 100 lit-tle fact. But if Britain is to make up its mind on this crucial issue, it must be discussed in an informed way, free from prejudice

and hype." The euro was unlikely to be the disaster area its opponents predicted, Mr Woodard added. "The single currency is going to happen – in or out, Britain has to be ready."

to give pub grub

formed under plans beig hatched by Greenalls, oneof Britain's largest puh groups Gone are the days of culy sandwiches and cold sausalerolls. Soon Greenalls' cstomers will be able to ordeja bowl of oysters or a plate of smoked salmon, washed down by an expensive bottle of Chidonnay, in pubs all around ie country.

Greenalls plans to launcia range of new dishes, includig

fish platters and a host of veetarian meals. It is even devioping new technology designd to cook a range of fresh veetables quickly and cheaply.
The dishes will typically cot

around £10 each. Greenas will also offer a range of wins from Australia, South Afric and California costing from f to £15 a bottle.

Lord Daresbury, Greenall chief executive, wants to tak the chain upmarket to attract more affluent customers.

"People used to come to pub just at lunch time but now they are coming for supper. This is about offering customer good food at good value in : casual atmosphere. It is aimed at increasing spend per head getting them to stay longer and spend more on food and have a glass of wine or even a bottle, he said.

Greenalls plans to introduce its new menu in at least half of its 850-strong pub chain over the next 18 months. It is spending £100m to revamp its pubs. about a third of which will be used to create its new culinary

The group has also unveiled plans to build a huge leisure dub. at The Belfry, its famous Midlands golf course, which will house 3,000 members. The existing leisure club will be turned into a 300-room conference centre. The scheme is part of a £9m investment programme designed to take The Belfry into the new millennium.

Greenalls has opened a new PGA golf course When the developmeni is completed it will house a 360-bedroom hotel. five restaurants, three conference centres and eight bars.

A job worth £313 a week that goes unnoticed John Willcock At the other end of the

Women on average think that their families rate the work they do around the home only just above "seven out of ten", while they agree with men that the cost of paying some-one to do the housework would usually amount to £313

According to Legal & Generai's "Value of a Mum" report published yesterday, most women also think that if they

their partners would spot the difference immediately. Legal & General launched the survey to find out the relative time put in by women and men in running their households, and to publicise the need for financial protection for women as well as men.

stopped doing some of the housework, their partners "wouldn't notice at all."

However, an almost equal number, 17 per cent, think favourite TV housewife.

Mrs Meldrew polled the ighest number of votes from both men and women in the survey. Among women only, Coronation Street's Sally Webster, currently coping with the demands of raising a family and husband Kevin's infidelity, is hailed as the most ad-The report also found that mired housewife.

scale, however, housewife megastar Dame Edna Everidge gets the thumbs down as the least popular figure among both men and women. Only just above Dame Edna are Eastenders' Pauline Fowler and Sybil Fawlty, wife of anarchic

Other TV housewife heroines include the Oxo Mum and Mrs Merton. Peter Telford, head of life assurance at Legal & General,

claimed there was a serious point to the report. "In this supposed age of equality it still seems women are worse off when it comes to being finan-cially protected. Women have less than two-thirds of the life assurance held by men, yet they still take on the lion's share of the family responsibilities."

"Couples need to consider carefully how the family would cope if one partner, particularly the woman, wasn't around," he said.

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KEVIN GARDINER

The strong pound is perhaps the most visible threat to growth ... however. manufacturers are in better financial shape than at any time since the Sixties, and their order books are holding at

above-trend levels

No landing in sight for UK's flying economy

In sooner has it become clear that the economy has been growing solidly than the "hard landing/soft landing" decisive action; but a spring Budget could be seven months away – and in my view the The windfalls may in any case be simply to has been a page large case. The average debate has begun. This seems premature, and no doubt reflects partly the understandable sense of shock felt by some commentators who have only just realised that the economy can fly at all. The City is assuming that growth will slow noticeably during the second half of the year and into 1998. But on our reading growth may not have peaked, and a landing, growth may not have peaked, and a landing of any sort is not yet in prospect. This is potentially had news for interest rates – hut not necessarily for the stock market.

The strong pound is perhaps the most visible threat to growth. The current episode is now the second-biggest competitive squeeze in the entire post-war period. However, manufacturers are in better financial shape than at any time since the Sixties, and for the time being their order books are holding at above-trend levels, with weak export orders offset by buoyaocy in the much more important home market (a source of support conspicuously missing from the increasingly-cited but much more severe 1977-1981 episode). Many models would suggest that with the world economy growmg robustly, aggregate exports can withstand the strong pound.

Fiscal policy might yet cool things down.
But the Budget tax increases were mostly levied on income which would have been saved, and the package was effectively neutral. The City consensus is loudly and perversely in favour of more fiscal tightening.

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Chancellor got it right the first time around. Mr Brown has an opportunity denied to pre-vious Labour Chancellors - to copy his US and German counterparts, and let an indepeodent central bank do his cyclical worrying for him. The Bank of England will not

find life easy, but that's their problem.

Mnrtgage rates have risen nnuceably since early May. But rates are rising from low levels, and will take a while to bave an effect - not least because one in every two borrowers has an annually reviewed or fixedrate mortgage.

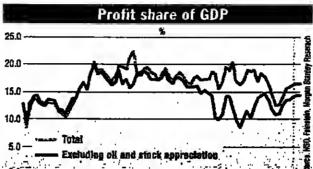
Most households don't have a mortgage

anyway. Indeed, for many, the net effect of the last year's policy mix remains positive: the stronger exchange rate has supported real pay, while the booming service sector has created more jobs in the last three months than the manufacturing sector has done in the last three years - a point, which should reinforce Mr Brown in his determination to remain above the immediate debate.

The main huilding society demutualisations are behind us. But the effect of the windfalls on spending is unlikely to bave been fully recorded yet - not least because a holiday, an R-regis-

the icing on a very large cake. The average household's disposable income is growing. Consumers are being reassured by falling unemployment, and are hacked by a historically high savings ratio and a strong balance sheet - as nervous monetarists will increasingly testify. Confidence was rising when the windfalls were just twinkles in the carpetbaggers' eyes, as was evident from the steady rise in credit usage. And some con-sumers will have seen their finances trans-formed: a statistical guinea pig we've been tracking has seen their real post-tax and

mortgage spending power double since 1990, to stand two-fifths above the peak of the previous boom in mid-1988. Spending



may still be gathering momentum, super-

tanker style.

If growth does remain strong during the second half of the year, the Bank of Eng s unlikely to leave interest rates on hold for long. The "new paradigm" school argues that inflation risk these days is negligible, and that strong growth can continue indefinitely without pulling prices up. But the Bank is right to be sceptical. Inflation risk is visible now. The trade-

weighted exchange rate has risen by roughly a quarter, but the impact on retail prices bas been smaller than expected, mostly because overseas suppliers and domestic distributors of imports have made the most of the opportunity to widen their profit margins. Anybody seen cheaper German cars, or package holidays? Even manufacturers are

reluctant to pass on weak costs, despite intensified competitive pressure: margins on their domestic sales are probably widening as a result, offsetting the impact of the inevitable squeeze on export

Retailers and manufacturers are not exactly shouting this from the rooftops. Indeed, they are much more likely to be heard proclaiming the absence of pricing power. But while they may not be able to raise prices as much as they would like, aggregate price/cost ratios have been stronger than at the same stage of the previous

cycle. If the economy remains buoyant and costs stop falling, prices - not margins - could be the hufter.

Some inflation risk is also visible in the labour market. Wages have been remarkably well-behaved by comparison with the previous cycle. However, they look less restrained after adjusting for inflation, and much less so when measured net of taxes and mortgage rates. And there is less slack in the market than at any time in recent memory.

The official inflation target is a tough one it has been hit in just one month in the last 30. And unless monetary conditions tighten further, it could remain clusive. Official interest rates have risen by a full percentage point since early May. They could rise by as much again and still look unemarkable.

This seems to augur badly for the stock market. But you don't need to believe that inflation is dead and that interest rates have stopped rising to make sense of the market's recent rise. Solid growth in domestic turnover, together with fatter margins, could push corporate profitability up further. Almost unnoticed, the share of profits in GDP is approaching its highest levels for a generation. And as the chart shows, it is the intervening quarter-century which looks anomalous. Not so much a "new paradigm" as a forgotten one.

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Millennium bomb could trigger bank crisis



Jon Moynihan on how computer failure could create huge liquidity problems and give gold a boost

It has been called the millennium bomb, the year 2000 problem and the 00 issue, yet it could equally be described as a many-tentacled octopus, or many-headed bydra, because its threats come in such a

variety of forms. Some threats are real: others are, or might turn out to be, imaginary. Separating real from imaginary is important because what has already been established is that not enough computer programmers exist in the world to check, in time, all the potentially compromised software. Some 00 events are already occurring, as with the 104-yearolds who are this year receiving letters summoning them to

primary school. What kind of disaster can be triggered by a computer's failure to distinguish between, say, 1900 and 2000? First, it is important to understand that it's not just lines of software that are potentially compro-

> Back in the 1970s when computer chips were created, lines of code, written in languages such as Cobol, now seen as simpostic, were hard-wired bodily into computer chip circuitry.

Because, to save significant amounts of programming, the Cobol or other programmers would in many instances have left off the first two digits of a all payments that day, those inyear, that same lacuna would often have been translated straight into the chip.

Thus, not only computer code, but also some computer chips, are potentially compro-

Many companies will he to be made.

comfortable that for the large majority of their software and chips, there is no year 2000 problem. However, the degree of confidence will not always be

For example, it might take a certain amount of sang froid to board one of those flights they are currently advertising which will, they say, fly you through time zones into the millennium at midnight on 31 December

Will the plane definitely keep flying as midnight arrives? How had can it get?

There is feverisb activity behind the scenes to try to ensure we avoid any of the catastrophe scenarios that have been identified. However, new threats continue to emerge. Here's a reasonably plausible one: the great banking liquid-

ity lock-up of 1999. The payment systems of hanks around the world utilise millions of lines of computer code. Every day, thousands of billions of dollars pass through these payment systems, from bank to bank; from bank to customer; from customer to hank; and on through to other

If, on 1 January 2000, the software employed by a bank to mediate these payments fails to recognise the date, and therefore fails to make one or volved in those transactions don't get the money they were

expecting. It needs only a small number of banks to have an 00 problem in their software for a significant number of payments not



In the interbank money transfer system, a failure to transmit somewhere between 5 to 10 per cent of daily payments would quite possibly be enough to lock up the entire system if you haven't paid me, I can't

pay him. Dnuhtless, all banks are striving hard to bave this problem solved before 31 December. But many have not yet tested the robustoess of their payments software to be en-

International payments systems are so intertwined that the problem could be precipitated by banks not in the developed world - where many have not yet examined their payments system software but by those in lesser developed countries where resources to investigate such problems are very scarce, so

even less has been done. The problem extends beyond banks, to the companies with payment systems tied to banks, which themselves are responsible for large liquidity flows into and out of the bank-

ng system. How many of these will fail to sort out their software in time? How many need to fail before the hanking system locks up and a systemic

liquidity crisis is created? How prepared will husinesses he, in the run-up during 1998 and 1999, to take a chance on the fact that there won't be a

liquidity crisis? The question has pertinence hecause any company or indeed individual whn decides that there could be a problem on 1 January 2000 would be most likely to react to such a problem by creating, and hoarding, liquidity for them-

In other words, companies and individuals concerned about this problem will start to amass cash and other liquid instruments against the potential of a short-term or even long-term systemic liquidity If that were so, then we are

back to the problem that if only 5-10 per cent of assets are liquidated - or withdrawn from the system and placed in cash, gold or wbatever - there will again be the potential for a liquidity crisis.

At that stage, central banks will be faced with the decision whether to flood the system with liquidity (thus potentially threatening a wave of inflation and economic dislocation), or to let the affected hanks fail. Even this solution may not

he available to them if the liquidity crisis gathers speed very quickly. And even with such actions, commerce could be crippled for days, weeks or even

As with all liquidity crises, the threat could be self-fulfiling. Fears that it could happen could ensure that it does. Anyone believing that a liq-

uidity crisis could occur will want to pop out and huy their gold coins before everyone else does.

As the price of gold goes up - possibly to astronomic levels - and local liquidity scares occur, the lines round the block at bank opening time start swelling. The great liquidity crisis of

1999? Impossible, you may say. However, there is nothing particularly ontlandish in the scenario outlined above, which is made all the more feasible by the enormous reliance pay ments systems in the 1990s now place on their computer software. The scenario may, nr may not, happen.

What should be done? Preventative measures could be

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority has made it a relennium compliance programme in place by the end of June 1997, guaranteeing that they will have identified and sorted out all problems by the time 2000 arrives. Similar requirements have yet to be seen in other hanking juris-

Companies, unlike banks, do not face any statutory requirement. Certification of millennium-worthiness, similar say to ISO-9000 certification or an S&P credit rating, has not yet emerged and is an optioo - but one that would have to

be developed soon. Banks and big corporations themselves should pay particular attention to their payments software and bardware in the run-up to the millennium. And for those who subscribe to disaster scenarios perhaps a small punt nn the price of gold?

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PA, in association with Taskforce 2000 and the OTI, produced the report, Defusing the Millennium Bomb, which tracks the progress of UK companies to achieving Millennium compliance. Copies quirement for all hanks under can be obtained from Clare its supervision to have a mil- Fortune on 0171-333-5367

IN BRIEF

Demand for gold up 11 per cent

Demand for gold reached 723 tonnes in the second quarter of the year, up 11 per cent on the same time last year according to the World Gold Council. The gold price fell to its lowest level in 12 years last month after the Australian central bank sold 167 tonnes from its reserves, and gold producers are continuing to depress the price by selling a high proportion of their output on the forward market ahead of actual production times. But European central banks have not followed Australia's lead and this month's currency crisis in Thailand, Indonesia and other Southeast Asian economies has not triggered significant sales by investors, the WGC's research manager George Milling-Stanley said in Sydney yesterday.

Turnover in Cliveden shares soars

Turnover in the shares of Cliveden Group, owners of the stately home turned hotel which will be forever associated with the Astors, John Profumo and Christine Keeler, soared to 234,000 last Friday, many times the normal daily trading volume, as rumours of a takeover bid by the wealthy Saudi prince Al-Waleed bin Talal did the rounds again. An identical rumour in February pushed the shares up to an all-time high of 99.5p but they have fallen back to around 60p recently in spite of a rights issue at 75p which raised £8m in April to reduce debt and finance expansion. Last week the group also warned that planning delays would have an adverse impact on results for the current year.

£41m holocaust payment clears hurdle

The Swiss National Bank's SFr100m (£41.5m) contribution to Switzerland's holocaust fund will not need parliamentary approval, a parliamentary legal affairs committed decided yesterday. The decision could speed the payment, since the parliament might might bave had to hold a referendum on the issue. "It is easier and less bureaucratic and more sensible to leave the decision up to the board of the central bank rather than issue a federal ruling," committee chairman Lili Nabholz said after members of the body decided by 12 votes to five that the current legal framework is sufficient to allow the central bank to make the contribution.

Portuguese football club to float

The Portuguese soccer club Benfica is preparing to float shares on the London and Lisbon stock markets according to the Portuguese journal Diario Economico. Finibanco and Salomon Brothers will handle the float. Members and their associates will retain

a majority of shares . Florida to get \$11bn in tobacco deal

The state of Florida will receive \$11.3bn from the tobacco industry to settle the state's medical bills for smokers according to a report from West Palm Beach. The settlement would exclude Florida from the national agreement between US states and the tobacco industry earlier this year, but would produce a payment three or four years ahead of the national agreement, according to a spokesman for Philip Morris.

Inntrepreneur close to profit

Inntrepreneur, the pub company jointly owned by Grand Metropolitan and Foster's, the Australian brewer, is close to making a profit, Ted Kımkel, chief executive of Foster's, said in Melbourne yesterday. Foster's plans to sell a third of its US and Australian properties hut will retain its 40 per cent stake in Molson, the

Chinese contract for GEC-Alsthom

The China Yangtse Three Gorges Development Corporation has confirmed the award of contracts for eight turbines and alternators worth \$420m to GEC-Alsthom and ABB of Switzerland, and for six turbines and generators worth \$320m to a consortium of Voith Siemens and General Electric's Canadian operation.

Siemens and HP in telecoms link

Siemens and Hewlett-Packard have signed a memorandum of understanding between their telecommunications divisions jointly to develop and market telecoms management networks world-wide, according to a joint statement issued in Munich yesterday.

Diversifying away from the white, male, middle-aged manager

Early next month, Lew Platt, president and chief executive of Hewlett-Packard, will visit the California-based computer and officeequipment company's UK beadquarters of Bracknell, Berkshire, to present three out of only five quality awards that he is mak-

ing in the world this year.
With such a clear recognition of the British business's contribution managers and consultants as a to the continuing success of a result primarily of demographic group that last year achieved world- changes that are putting more wide revenues of \$38.4bn, it might be understandable if it just basked

But Mr Platt will find an operation in the midst of a transformation that John Golding, UK chairman and managing director, is convinced will effect the com-

Computer giant Hewlett-Packard believes discrimination adds up to a waste of talent. Roger Trapp reports that, while earlier efforts were pany's "very survival". The initia-

morally or legally motivated, the current push results from business tive in question revolves around the quest for diversity - a concept that has increasingly preoccupied Companies are realising that by excluding certain people or barring them from promotion they risk missing opportunities and not makwomen and ethnic minorities into ing the best use of the talents at the workforce.

Concern about discrimination Many observers might be surby race or sex has dogged comprised to hear that this is seen as a panies for the past couple of problem for Hewlett-Packard decades at least, but Alison which is as well known for the man-McDermott, one of the executives agement principles espoused in leading the programme, stresses

"The HP Way" as for the sustained performance over the halfcentury since it was founded in a garage in what is now California's Silicon Valley.

But a review of the organisation recently carried out by occupational psychologists Pearn Kandola as part of the first stage of the diversity programme revealed hitherto unrealised problems.

Women, in particular, felt left out by a company that, according to one respondent, held meetings at "silly times" and was inflexible about fam-

culture encouraged by the HP Way subconsciously created

Mr Golding - one of a group of senior executives to have gone through a training programme that followed the audit - has become "evangelical" about the issue to the point of saying that he is deeply worried that every member of the European management team is like him - middle-aged, white, Anglo-Saxon and male. Consequently, when it came to gaining different points of view and opinions all bar one must be re-

dundant. Emphasising that the programme -which has already been under way in the United States for some time

ily needs. It was even felt that the -will become as central and all-pervasive as quality has hecome over the years, Ms McDermott says that great efforts are being made to impress on staff that it is not a 'flavour of the month" and that it will take a long time to implement

But in the meantime, she and her colleagues are demonstrating that they mean business by reinforcing rules against harassment, studying improvements to recruitment and promotion processes and spreading the message through special em-ployee publications and training

While she expects there to be some who will be sceptical to the end, she stresses that the moves are not about positive discrimination which it has become accustomed

and that well-qualified male managers have nothing to fear.

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And though the strong culture at the company might ostensibly make it difficult to emhrace a wider cross-section of people, Ms McDermott is convinced that the HP Way produces an advantage

over other companies.

Treating people fairly and with respect creates an effective platform, she says. Mr Golding adds that, though the refinement of the company's values amounts to a "fundamental change in the way we work, think and interact with each other", be is convinced this will make the organisation more competitive - essential if it is to continue to grow at the 20 per cent a year to

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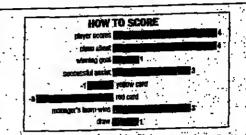
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Dettori's treble puts wind up Fallon backers

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GREG WOOD

Frankie Dettori decided yesterday that he will not appeal against the suspension he in-curred for irresponsible riding at Goodwood on Saturday, but if he continues to ride as he did at Chepstow's Bank Holiday meeting, a mere five-day holiday will make little difference to his tempt to reclaim the jockeys'

Dettori rode three winners castle, and this after an velopment yesterday was overnight trip from Chicago, probably the five-day suspension where Dettori had finished unplaced in the Arlington Million less than 16 hours before he was due in Wales.

Dettori's trip to the Windy City was a fruitless one, but the race proved far more satisfac-tory for Michael Tabor, whose colours were carried to victory by Marlin. The owner clearly had an inkling that his runner thereby consigning numerous

might prevail, for at almost the dual and computer straight precise moment Marlin crossed the line, an auctioneer at the Deauville Sales knocked down a yearling colt by Fairy King to Tabor's clinching bid of FF3.1m (£315,000), the most expensive lot of the session. Such is Tabor's winning streak at present that it will almost be a surprise if the colt, named Lucky Legend, fails to win a Classic in 1999.

Of more immediate concern, however, is the 1997 Flat jockeys' championship, which shows Dettori rode three winners while Kieren Fallon, his main rival, partnered just one at Newson. The most significant dehanded to Pat Eddery by the stewards at Ripon, which surely ended any lingering hopes that the Irishman might have had of defending his title.

Eddery dropped his hands on Jazz Track, hot favourite for the Grassington Maiden Stakes, and was narrowly beaten into third place by Carisbrooke,

forecast tickets to the litter bin. He was rightly suspended from 3 to 8 September, missing the Sprint Cup meeting at Haydock in the process, making it a poor day's work for Eddery despite his easy win on Arkadian Hero (yet another in the Tabor silks) in the £20,000 Champion Two-Year-Old Tropby Stakes.

Dettori, who was level with Fallon on 121 winners yesterday morning, would like to take a reasonable lead into his own five-day break, and is now two clear after his treble at Chepstow, which included victory on Bin Rose in the Frankie Dettori Ton-Up Stakes.

The race has been run since 1990 to commemorate Dettori's achievement in becoming the first rider for 35 years to ride 100 winners in a season as a teenager. "I'm usually somewhere else," the jockey said, but I made a special journey all the way from Arlington to get

Fallon rode just a single win-

tle, but it could easily have been a double, as his storming run on Delilah in the Listed fillies' handicap failed by a millimetre or so to carry him past Sarayir, the favourite. The afternoon's events were

enough to persuade the Tote to cut Dettori's odds for the jockey's title, though whether it was quite necessary to back him back to 1-4 (from 4-7) simply for opening up a two-winner gap must be open to doubt. With the odds likely to see-saw at least once more before the end of the season, now might be a good time to step in for Fallon at 5-2 (from 5-4), in the hope of closing out with a certain profit at some point in the coming weeks. Eddery, meanwhile, is 33-1 from 16-1.

were scattered around the country, but it was the amateurs who contested the feature race at Epsom, the Moet & Chandon Silver Magnum, the owners' memento for which is destined

The top professional riders



Gaelic Storm (right) gets up to beat Tuscan Dawn in Epsom's handicap sprint

for the mantlepiece at Buckingham Palace for the second year running. Like last year's winner Arabian Story, Shaft Of Light, the 3-1 favourite, was trained by Lord Huntingdon

and owned by the Queen, but his rider was Andrew Balding, a late replacement for the winning jockey 12 months ago, Luis Urbano.

Balding had been due to

Shaft Of Light when Urbano Balding said afterwards, though broke his collar-bone. "With given the sticky conditions, he Shaft Of Light carrying 8lb was surely one of the few peo-more than Brandon Magic, it ple in Britain who could.

partner Brandon Magic for his father, Ian, but switched to meant I could enjoy the week-end without having to sweat,"

	HYPERION
2.30 Premium Princess	4.00 SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY(nap)
3.00 High Premium	4.30 Majaari
3.30 Far Removed (nb) GOING: Good to Pirm (watered).	5.00 Pen Friend
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۱	2	2.30	RACING CHANNEL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £2,671
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٧	2	53	COOL PROSPECT (20) (Glorin Darley Racing Partnership) A Muholland 8 10
1	3	542262	CIMERIAN CADET (6) (Cumboan industries (1r)) T Fasterby 8 10
1	4	2260	TANOGERINE FLYER (50) (BF) (Pet Express (W&R) Ltd) J Beny 8 10
ı	5	030	CAPE HOPE (22) (Keith Sturge) R Boss 8 6. R Phrench (3) 12
ł	6	0055	HEADHYARDS SHERK (11) (I.A Morgan) R Hottnshead 8 8F Lynch 4
ł	7	0	SMOOTH PRINCESS (45) Cloha Smith's Lich J Fragerial 8.5
ı	8	42	THREE STAR RATED (22) (Miss J Set) T D Barron 8 5R Lappin 2
ı	9	06	BUZZ THE AGENT (21) (Alan Black & Co) M W Easterby 8 3
ı	10	03	DOUBLE POWER (15) (\$ F Subbings) L Lloyd-James 7 12 Kim Thicker 3
ł	11	40	KRISTOM KIT KATE (10) (Cherterhouse Hokings Pic) S Bowng 7 12Dale Gibton 10
ı	12	002	PREMIUM PRINCESS (17) (Premium Bloodstock Pic) J J Quint 7 12
l	13	D	TREE (17) (Seoff Pickering Mis M Raveley 7 12 N Confine 5
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is is the unknown one after making her debut at York. She cidn't show much Defining hereins a range out that is a south recording to clear the recording to clear the recording second to Seldick Rose, who had gone close previously against the useful Child Prooley. She might just have needed that run since moving stables, and Heathyands Shellic also ran with some promise in the Certiste rose after stumbling. This opener is not that hot so Cumbrian Cadiet has a chance after finishing in front of 17 rivels when second of Chinadier in York's seller last week. But he is not as well drawn as Tirree Star Rosted, Pre-

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10	204511	SPANISH SERENADE (84) (D) (A Greenwood) M C	amecho 3 8 7 L. Chernock 1
11	8	LINCLE ERROL (29) (R W Turnstall) G M Moore 38	7Date Gibton 10
12	611404	SPECIAL-K (13) (CD) (G Faishaw) E Weymes 5 8 6	C TOWING (9) 6
13	0000-0	LOMOND LASSIE (USA) (182) (T Kersey) T Kersey	4 8 4 N Kennady 15
14	0.354	TARAGONA (18) (Mrs Charles Lockhart) R Holfrishe	80 4 8 4F Lynch 6
15	20000-	FRENCH GENGER (294) (LR Lloyd-James) L Lloyd-	lames 8 8 27 Williams 2

- 15 declared -BETTING: 9-4 High Premium, 11-4 Billy Bushwadow, 4-1 Alemein, 6-1 ton Boy, 12-1 Special-K, 20-1 others 1996: Tame Deer 4 8 8 D R McCabe 16-1 (M Chapman) drawn (1) 9 ran

Mary Reveloy gives her old handicapper BRIY Bushwacker some respite by pitting him in a clariner, in fact, Bitly's last run over a mile was in last year's Lincoln and, while this hard-ened campaigner will run his race again, HIGH PREMIUM may have his legs over this tro. Still a force in claimers, High Premium was in no way disgraced in being held by Yaha at Sendown last time. Robert Whiston handles him so well and the allowance means High Premium maets Bitly Bushwacker and Alamelin on tovourable terms compared to their handleap marks. Alamelin is batest Warwick run suggests, His previous Yarmouth fourth to Yorke Georgia gives him a chance, while Alpine Hideoway can go a good of up but is this return to a mile in his favour? Souserton Boy is in good heart, but would be getting more weight from High Premium in a handloop.

Selection: HIGH PREMIUM

К	3.30	C) £7,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £5,00	MUAP (LLASS
L		C) £4,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £5,00)4
1	2002	FOLIGORE (12) (Streich Mohemmed) D Loder 9 7	L Dettori 16
2	113002	JACKERIN (23) (0) U 8 Young 8 Rothwell 8 3	M Fonton 12
3	6211	PERFECT PEACH (13) (D) (Mrs Ann Morrs) J Berry 9 3	
4		ANGEL Hall (41) (D) (D K D Parmershot 7 0 Barron 82	
5		BIRANSTON BERRY (53) (D) (Diamond Rocing Ltd) J L Eyre 82	
6		LADY MOLL (1D) (CD) (BF) (Ms Lynn Bell) R 9085 8 2	
7		SELKERK ROSE (22) (D) (Jim McLaren) Miss L Penatr 8 2	
8		LEOPHIC (7) (Keen Racing) M Polytake 8.8	
8		FAR REMOVED (St (BF) (Mrs J R Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8 8	
10		MISS ELMINATOR (23) (D) (SE) (Stephen J Curbs) M W Easterly 8.7.	
11		DAYNABLEE (16) (D) (T L Beecroft) N Tinkler 8 8	
22		BEECHWOOD QUEST (3) (D) (B Valentinel 8 Rothwell 82	
13		MIGHTY SURE (13) (b) (C.) Rusbridge) M W Easterby 8 0	
14		BROOKHOUSE LADY (42) (Mrs D J Smart) R Hollinsheed 8 0	
15		APPLE SAUCE (13) DAYS & Stannes) J Arnold & O.	
15		SANDMOOR TARTAN (11) (Sandmoor Textiles) 7 Easterby 7 13	D White 15
_		= 16 declared -	
BE	TIME 54	Folklore, 6-1 Perfect Person, 7-1 For Respoyed, 8-1 Sandmoor To	rten, Selidrik Rose.

10-1 Apple Sance, Deputses, Linky Molt, 12-1 Loufric, Actoria, Augel Hill, 14-1 Mighty Sare, Beeckwood Quest, 16-1 Broothouse Ludy, 20-1 others 1998: race cancelled due to heavy rain

The Easterby stable would love to win this race after the service given by their former stable jockey, but the high draw may beet Sandanoor Turtum, who won a narreny at Chester (8f) two butings ago. A low draw gives a first chance to Far Removed even if the colt would seem better suited by further. Second to his stablements Navasky at Think, he was not given a hard time when Bay Prince had flown at Pontefract. Daynaboe is prother with a fine draw and this heady seller and clariper winner returns to her best tip after her third to Cool Secret over six here. Leofric nates a threat from stall two after running fast over a longer trip at York last week. But the one that rules the eye is APPLE SAUCE, wall drawn in stall five Shows ability on two states as Sendown-the latest when having tittle chance from a bad draw when fifth to Raise A Ring. Sellidirk Rose isn't that well drawn in ten, but she's progressing well and Three Star Rated might boost her chances but a win in the opener. The desepointing filly Pullikore has the worst draw to overcome, but she was very well regarded earlier in the season. Perfect Peach Improved again to land a nursery at Beverley lest time and wouldn't be out of it from stall nine, while Jeckenin bounced back to form at Haydock when second to Gooy Moth. Lady Moth has won on the course

4	.00	STEVE NESBITT CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP C) £7,500 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £5,378	(CLASS
		SANDMOOR CHAMBERRY (6) (CD) (Sondmoor Textles) T Easterby 8 6 13	
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	-000000	REBEL COUNTY (17) (D) (Showome Ice Cream) A Balley 4 9 2	D 8 dds 5 V
	3-1666	MINERSVILLE (USA) (47) (Shelish Mohammed) J Gosden 3 9 1	
		ISTOFF (22) U Brown) 5 C Williams 48 13	
		PRINCESS DAMPELLE (22) (D) (BF) (Mrs M Wickfort) W Mur 5 8 7	
	63006	ROLDU NORD (FR) (1905) (PW Hardock) N Bycroft 5 8 6	D Holland 1
	61661	LIQUID GOLD (11) (N S Yong) W O'Gorman 3 8 4	Emms O'Gormon &
		- A declared -	
5	TING- Q.A	Sandanoor Chambray, 7-2 Mithall, 5-1 Isitoff, 6-1 Liquid Sold, 7	-1 Mineraffe, 10-1
		ielle, 12-1 Rebei Cousty, 20-1 Rol Du Nord	

Sandanour Chaesbury's front-running style saw off all except the younger Arnyes at York last week, that fine performance coming after a win here from Hazard A Guess and a New-castle success from My Lewicia. There is still plenty to Bits about MITHALL, who bear younger reals in a malden at Notangham in June. The dual winner Jornocks was back in third, and

Method could also make his mark in handicage after being very highly tried in Decorated Hero's race at Newbury-the stable also running the shorter-priced My Branch in that hot conditions event. Milmensyllie has looked a moody ousborner (tried visored test mine) and whether he shows more sparkle since being gelded remains to be seen, Ligicald Gold looked smart when beeping a John Gooden newcomer at Nottingham in June and he's upped in distance after beang a John Gooten newcomer at Nottingham in June and he's upped in distance active destroying his rivels on the alf-westher 1.1 days ago. Off the same handloap mark today, Luguid Cold has to rate a big denger to them all. Isitoff has been beaten with big weights in wester races. He has won over further and his wiming Follestone partner Kevin Darley is reunited for the first time since, Princess Danielle makes a rare appearance away from Windoor and looks highly tred, but Rebell County is very well handloaped and is now their in a visor after several below-par efforts.

4.	30	EBF SAPPER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 of Penalty Value £3,583
1	00	GET OF GOLD (76) (Classic Gold) Campbel 8D
2		MONRIER (M H Wilson) W Hagges 9 DF Lynch 12
3	05	LANCOS LANE (15) (A D Bottomicy) T Easterby 9 0
4	0	MADMAN'S MIRAGE (8) U.S. Monison & R. A. Dalgistr) M. Johnston 9.0Dean McKnown 9
5		MALAARI (13) (Hamdan Al Maldoum) P Waltern 80R Hills 2
8		RED SKY CHARLE (Mayeock Productions Lad) Lord Huntington 9 0
7	322	REQUESTOR (11) (Marquesa da Moratalia) J FlaGerald 80
8	8	SPRING FEVER (15) (Ray Richards) 8 Hills 9 0
9		LINDESBERG (Brian Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8 9
10	3	MOVING PRINCESS (LD) (G W Westgarth Mass S Hall 8 9
11		STATELY FAVOUR (12) (File Racing Club) M Competio 8 9 L Characek 5

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Requestor has been unlucky to come across Merkn's filing and Vignette since his promising debut run at Beverley. He has again found a decent manden which features Peter Walwyn's MALAARI, whose half-brother Labed won a decent handicap at Newmarket on Saturday. Majaari would like the ground to stay fast, as it was at Salabury a formight ago when he mied second to Social Charter. That pleasing effort looks good enough to win this, even though Social Charter failed to specifie in the Contractic last week. Spring Fewer went into a few notebooks prier his debut run against previous wireres at Windsor. He did finish last of six to Mijana, though bearen only seven lengths, and the form is decent. However, stall ten isn't as good as Magaar's pitch in two. Main Street's defect at Windsor on Saturday helted the run of William Hagasa' debut wirners, and Selkin's son Konker looks stretched from the outside draw. Mark Johnston won three juvenille nees with Gothenberg, and the half-sister Lindesberg males her bow. Morking Priscess shaped with loss of promise on her debut on the course, but this grade could just be too strong for her, and Lord Hursingson's new-corner Red Sky Chertie mey also find it a bit too hot.

Selection: MAJAARI

5.00 WEATHERBYS STALLION BOOK HANDICAP (CLASS E)

		£4,250 added 2m Penarry Value £2,990
1	2-2552	JAMANCAN FLIGHT (USA) (12) (D) (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4 8 12
2	500334	DIRNE (12) (D) (BF) (Alex Gome) T D Barron 4 9 5 K Darley 9
3	032232	KLONDINE CHARGER (USA) (16) (Meldoum Al Maldoum) 8 Hts 39 ()
4	401-40	SARASUTA STURM (45) (8 J Warren) M Sel 5 8 10
5	1A304U	COR SHO NO (26) Otarold Nats) S Dow 4 8 8
8	603450	ANCHORENA (4) (A C & 0 5 Partnership) D Barler 5 8 3T Williams, 2 V
7	014045	ANGENISE (12) (D) (J Woods) M British 7 8 2
8	022514	MY WILLIE (29) (D C Betry) W Storey 4 8 1
8	00600-	ALZONIC (J31A) (Billy Parker)) Norton 4 7 12
10	064131	PEN FRIEND (15) (D) (B Hogges) W Hagges 3 7 11 Love 7
11		KARAYLAR (21) (D C Batey) W Storey 57 10N Kennedy 3
		- 11 declared -

Minimum weight: 7st 10ft. Time handicep weight: Kampler 7st 7tb.

BETTINR: 11-4 Dirah, 3-1 Pen Friend, 4-1 Klondike Cherger, 6-1 Amilarge, 7-1 Jameicem Flight, 8-1
Coh Sko No., 10-1 Anchoreus, 12-1 bly Mille, 14-1 Seresota Storm, Karaylar, 20-1 Abotic
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FORMS CHERGE

Okrab is back with his witning rider Kawn Dartey after two runs with Kimberley Hart. Dirab needs strong handling and is 91b lower since his Beverley win from Contrarie last May, He is opposed him along with shorter-priced rivals in Pen Priend and Klondlive Charger with COH SHO NO, who should reliab the trip after gaining an early-season win from Soogama at Folkestone. There was a lot to like about her third to Stege Penious at Sandown in June. Pen Friend is at the right end of the herindicap efter two fast-ground was over this trip, while Kondiec Charger is a fair maiden who is tried in a visor after a good effort against Sur Rage at Redom. Karaytar is another here who stays all day, but his stablemente My Millie has it to prove at the trip. Whirling hurdler Jamasican Flight finished in front of Dirab and Amiliage when a depart second to Lady Of The Laky at Bewerley last time Sefectione COH SHO NO. when a decent second to Lady Of The Lake at Beverley last time. Sele

Sarayir lands a gamble for Hern

Dick Hern produced the filly Sarayir, who has one of the best pedigrees in racing, in peak con-dition to land an old fashioned amble in the Virginia Rated Handicap at Newcastle yesterday afternoon.

Sarayir, who is a half-sister to the Lambourn trainer's 1989 2.000 Guineas, Derby and Eclipse Stakes winner Nashwan, was backed from 10-1 with the Tote in the morning to 4-1 favourite. She scraped home by a short-head from the fast-finishing Delilah in the Listed contest,

The Tote's spokesman, Rob Hartnett, admitted to being "somewhat disappointed" with the Jackpot pool at Newcastle which failed to reach expectations, finishing at £211,081.19 with less than £64,000 added to the pool yesterday.

But after a series of shock results, culminating in Bobbydazzle's 25-1 success in the Newcastle Exhibition Ale Blaydon Race, all Jackpot bets had gone down by the end of the

The Jackpot now heads to Ripon this afternoon where a £350,000 to £400,000 is antici-

The jockey Chris Rutter was banned for four days by the stewards at Warwick. Rutter was found to be guilty of careless riding on board the Bryn Pallingtrained Haroldon, which finished first past the post in the SSAFA Selling Stakes beating Guesstimation, trained by Jeff Pearce and ridden by Gary Bardwell, by half a length. The Warwick officials award-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Pen Friend (Ripon 5.00) **NB: Brindley House** (Uttoxeter 3.45)

ed the race to Guesstimation, demoting Haroldon to second place, and suspended Rutter from 3 to 6 September.

At Chepstow, Warren O'Connor picked up a four-day suspension, 3 to 6 September, for irresponsible riding on First Village, who finished third (demoted to fourth) behind Eleventh Duke in the South Wales Argus Nursery Handicap. First Village was demoted after the stewards found O'Connor total pool in the region of had tried to squeeze through a gap over a furlong out and hampered Dim Ots.

RACING'S FUTURES MARKET

Prix de l'Arc o	te Triomphe (1m 4	<u>f)</u>
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill
Helissio (E Lellouche/Fr)	3-1	4-1
Swain (Seeed bin Suroor)	6-1	5-1
Peintre Colebre (A Fabre/Fr)	6-1	5-1
Pilsodski (M Stoute)	7-1	7-1
Venera (A de Royer-Dupre/Fr)	12-1	10-1
Desert King (A O'Bnerylri)	14-1	12-1
Mr Erama (R Guest)	16-1	14-1
Each-way a quarter the odds, place	s, 1, 2, 3 (Longchemp, S	unday, 5 October)

1998 2,000	O Guineas	Stakes (1m)	
Horse (Trainer)	Coret	William Hill	Total
Degigers Drawn (H Cocil)	6-1	6-1	5-1
King Of Kings (A O'Brien/iri)	6-1	6-1	7.1
Coutral Park (P Cole)	12:1	16-1	12-1
Hased (J Duniop)	14-1	12-1	16-1
Bintang (P Cola)	16-1	20-1	16-1
Seratoge Springs (A O'Bnen/Iri)	20-1	25-1	25-1
Xeer (A Fabre/Fr)	16-1	16-1	25-1

1998 1,00	0 Guineas	Stakes (Lm)	
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill	Total
Cape Verdi (P Chapple-Hyam)	9-1	10-1	8-:
Shacose (Seed bin Suroor)	12-1	6-1	10-:
Embassy (D Loder)	16-1	14-1	16-:
Ashrankat () Dunlop)	16-1	20-1	16-:
Musical Twist (P Chapple-Hyam)	20-1	25-1	25-:
Asforati (Seeed bin Suroor)	25-1	33-1	20-:

	2.15 UTTOKETER 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (CL D) £3,750 added 2m 4f 110yds
THE PARTY OF THE P	1 OPPP- CUTTAGE JONER (250) J Allen 7 10 10

2.15 Nordic Prince 2.45 Blair Castle 3.15 Diego 3.45 Brindley House 4.15 Professor Page 4.45 Royal Expression GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Edi-hand course. Each-m of 17/09-E.

Course is SE of two near B6017. Utionster station (Derby-Crewe has) adjoins course. ADMOSSEON: Cato S18 (OAPs S12); Tatternells 510 (OAPs S2); Course S4. CAR PARK: Prec.

LEADING TEARNEES: M Pipe 38 from 128 (29.7%), K Balley 28 from 112 (20.5%), D Nichalson 20 from 85 (23.5%), N ley 23 from 112 (20.5%), D Nicholson 20 from 86 (23.3%), N Twiston-Davies 17 from 81 (18.7%), ■ LEADING JOCKETS: 2 Denwoody 85 from 150 (34%), A P McCop 23 from 84 (25.2%), N Williamson 23 from 125 (17.6%),

FAVOURITES: (17 who in 268 races (43.5%)
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Captain Marmalade (visored) (3.15).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: lifece (2.45) won at Southwell periodist; Rayerd (4.15) won at Cartanel on Wednesday and at Southwell yesseroky.

LONG-DISTANCE EXPENSES: Effece (3.45) has been sent 180 miles
by P Bowen from Eswerfordwest, Dyfed.

11/03- MORDIC PRINCE (207) J O'Shea 8 10 10 - Mile OP DUNISTON HEATH (58) G Burnett 4 10 7 P4(31- DONNERIA (107) F Jordan 8 10 5 on R 10 5

00 HOME BY NOW (17) P Murphy 8 10

2.45 St. MODWEN HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 5f

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BETTING: 4-5 Hair Castle, 13-8 Hivee, 7-1 Capturis Frater, 14-1 Royal
Square, 40-1 John Roger

3.15 PETER & LINDA DOUGLAS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 63-113 HENRYS PORT (31) (CD) (BF) M Monda 7 11 12...M Sichards 60600 - ADMIRAL'S GLEST (JAT) W Cay 5 10 12 ______ 6 65/34 - CAPPAIN MARMANADE (PLT) 0 Trom 8 10 12 ____ A CUL DE SAC (NZ) 6 Brookshew 6 10 12 ____ A

F44U-F VAHOD OF THOUGHT IF (86) P Channes 8 10 12 A Thouston DESO (F47) M Plemon 4 10 9 R Fansiot FAMIR D'AVRILLY (FR) (F311) C Marts 4 10 8 J Hages (3) SETUME: 7-4 Diego, 15-8 Hourys Port, 12-2 Feldr D'Audily, 8-1 Cal De Sec, 12-1 Captain Marmelade, Sweet Giseaux, 33-1 others

3.45 STREBEL BUILDING 110 AM 110 yels (CLASS C) £5,000 added 3m 110 yels STREBEL BOILERS HANDICAP HURDLE 84/111 COUCHANT (15) M Pipe 8 11 10 ______ A P McCoy 53/4-3 MY BORSHNI (58) P Bean 8 11 6 ____ Mr R Thombre (3) P212-1 BROWNLEY HOUSE (31) (20) R Curls 10 11 1 ___ D Morris 3-1113 DERBING HERISCH (30) (20) Mr 6 Fohrmor 7 10 13 ... R Johnson 00020- PRUSSIA (129) W Coy 6 10 4 ___ A Magnire

- 3 carcitres -BETTING: 6-4 Couchast, 100-30 bly Rossini, 4-1 Durring Bridge, 9-2 Brind-ley House, 8-1 Pressin

1	121211	BAYERO (1) (0) J O'Shea 8 12 3 (Text
2	126F-	MUTUAL AGREEMENT (370) P Nichols 10 11 3 A P McC
3	33-313	PROFESSOR PAGE (14) T Thomson Jones 7 1D 8_A Thomst
BE	TIME: 5-8	Bayerd, 7-4 Mutual Agreement, 4-1 Professor Page
4	.45	NORTHERN RACING HANDICAP HURDI (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 4f 110yd
1	420/3-	MIZYAN (F21) (D) J Banks 9 12 0 Mr J & Towns

4.15 WELLMAN PLC NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,250 added 3m 2f

F51 ZELEA (F25) (D) P Chemings 5 10 D... - 5 declared -

Peter Douglas aims to win back his own mon-

ey at Uttoxeter today. The owner sponsors the Peter & Linda Douglas Novices' Hurdle and he has a fine chance of landing the prize with his

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RACING RESULTS

HUNTINGDON

2.15: 1. SWEET WORLE (6 Ground) 11.8
fay 2. Bright Sepphive 5-1; 3. Colvery Prince
6-4. 5 ran. She-hd, 17. (K Drewry). Total:
62.50; £1.30, £1.90. DP: £3.70. CSP.
£8.06. NRS: Rippanour, Sprig Muslin.
2.45: 1. I HAVE HIM! (M A Fitzgeraid) 9-4;
2. Count Barachols 6-1; 3. Silippany Musl
10-1. 5 ran. 7-4 fav Write Maket Funded up.
2, 10. (N Chance). Total: £3.70; £1.50,
£2.30. DP: £9.50. CSF. £3.47;
3.18: 1. WHISPERING DAWN (S McNeill)
2-1; 2. Bleater Watson 10-1; 3. Allistans
Expresse evers tw. 8 ran. 174, 8. (C Brooks).
Total: £3.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.50. DP: £7.40.

2-1; 2. Bleeter Watson 10-1; 3. ABSTATS
Express evers fav. 6 ran. 1½, 3. (C Brooks).
Rote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.50. DP. £7.40.
CSF: £19.27. NR: Whod O'T Hought It.
3.49; 1. FRASER CAREY (M A Fitzgerald)
3-1; 2. Chiappocci 8-1; 3. Sigma Waveless
7-4 fav. 7 ran. 4, det. (T George). Tote: £4.20;
£2.20, £3.60. DP. £15.10. CSP. £24.71.
4.10: 1. BisGWHEEL BBL. (M A Fitzgerald)
6-4 jt fav. 3. Anhighen Plyer 2-1; 3. Menneleve
6-4 jt fav. 3 ran. 11, dist. (J Jenidra). Tote:
£2.00. DP. £1.90. CSP: £4.38. NR: Persian
Butterfly.

Butterfly.
4.45: 1. NORTHERN PLEET (M.A. Rizgerold.
1-5 fac; 2. Airborne Blue 20-1; 3. Milnor Key.
7-2. 4 rays. Dist, 11/4. (MAS. A. Penret). Tole.
51.20. DP: 53.20. CSP; 55.60. NR: Zeifbs. pet: £38,60. Qua NEWCASTLE

2.20: 1. SAFIO () Whigh) 13-2; 2. For Your Eyes Only 11-2 it for, 3. Kharlang 9-1. 14 ran. 11-2 it for Epic Stand. 11, 15. (A Bailey, Tarborley). Tota: £7.30; £2.00, £2.30, £3.00. DF: £41.30. CSP: £38.54. Td-cast: £310.00. Tric: £157.80. 2.55: 1. BOBSYDAZZLE (/ Quinn) 25-1: 2. After The Rain 11-2; 3. Due South 11-1. 15 cms. 5-1 fav Country Garden (4th). Nk, Int. U Scarge, Newmarket). Total £41.30; £8.00, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £80.70. CSF: £148.82.

nd, 1 (W R Herr, Lambourn), Totas £4.20; £1.90, £2.40, £2.20, DP, £12.30, CSF. £33.83, Tricest; £151.13, Tot £19.30, 3.55; 1 JURGOR MUFFIN (P Fessey) 4-1;

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £211,063,135 ried forward to Ripon today. Placepot: £91,30, Quadpot: £5,60. Place & £68,17. Place 5: £32,78.

NEWTON ABBOT NEWTON ABBOT
2.30: 1. ERRO'S BETT (1. Aspell) 2-2 fav;
2. Moonfight Encapade 7-1; 3. Tarken 5-1.
6 ran. 3½, 1½. (P. Murphy). Totac £1.50:
£1.10, £1.70. De: £2.70. CSP: £4.66.
3.00: 1. LONGCROFT (Mr D. McPhell) 12-1;
2. Night Time 5-1; 3. Karlelegt Boy 6-4 fax, 9 ran. htt, 1½. (P. Orbran). Totac £16.10;
£2.50, £1.90, £1.40. DP: £54.80. CSP:
£71.13. Tricast: £134.56.
3.30: 1. WWN6£7AN (Mr J Tazard) 6-1; 2.

3.30; 1. Wester An in Tazand - 4., 2. Tango's Deligit 6-1; 3. Northern Optimist 6-4, 5 ran. 5-4 for Mirrers Rest (urseated rider), 1½, dist. (A Newcombe). Tone: £6.50; £2.70, £2.00. DF: £16.60. CSF: £35.78; 4.00; 1. AUBURN BOY (LASPET) 11-4; 2. House 8-11 fav; 3. Dense Rosse 5-1. 8 ran. 4.5, (Wilsers), Totre £4.90; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.43.

phy) 3-1; 2. General Monitor 8-13 fav; 3. Our Nildd 11-2 6 ran, 2-3 (P Nichols), Tota: £4.10; £2.10, £1.20. DP: £2.40. CSP: £5.40. £4.10; £2.10, £1.20, DP: £2.40, CSP: £5.40. .5.00: 1. BURLINGTON SAM (6 Shenler) 100-30; 2. Communiche Creek 6-13 fay; 3. Jovini Man 7-1. 4 ran. 23, dist. (A Hobbs) Tota: £4.30. DP: £2.20. CSP: £6.08. Placepor: £102.60. Quadpot: £51.90. Place 6: £83.49. Place 5: £62.22.

REPON
2.10: 1. FORTY LOVE (I) Sweeney) 3-1 |
fax; 2. Cettic Venture 14-1; 3. Circuitoes
11-2. 12 ran. 3-1 | title Geet: Quinie (6th).
Str.-hd, 3%. (J. Benka, Newmerkel). Total:
£4.70: £1.50, £3.70, £2.10. DF. £42.50.
CSF. £45.40. Tios: £41.20.
2.40: 1. TYCOONESS (J. Farning) 8-1; 2.
Cartebrooke 5-1; 3. Jazz Track 4-5 tw. 8
tas. 1%, hd. (M. Johnston, Meddeham). Total:
£6.40; £1.90, £3.00. DF: £29.90. CSF.
£35.76.

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235.76.

235.71. HIGHBORN () Sweerey) 7-1, 3.

23.15:1. HIGHBORN () Sweerey) 7-1, 3.

Pride of Pendle 5-1; 3. Mewingle 3-1. 3 rat.

4. nt. () Feigate, Lishurn). Tota: £10.50; £25.0, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £29.40. CSF: £39.40. Tricast: £118.60.

34.61. ARRADAN HERO PR Existey) 6-5.

34.71. 14. () Currant, Newmorkey, Tota: £1.90; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.25.

4.15: 1. SAMSUNG SPERT () Panning 12-1: 2. Hi Meyinshid 11-1; 3. Style Descer 11-2; 4. Gipay Princess 8-1, 15 rat. 9-2 fav Storyteler. 1, hd. (E Waymes, Leyburn). Total: £1.90; £1.90. F3.60. E2.20. £1.90. P2.20.

fav Storyteller. 1, hd. (E Weymes, Leyburn). Tota: £19.60; £3.60, £2.20, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £176.30. CSF: £137.26. Tricast: £764.10. Tric: £373.10.

£(84.10. INC: £5/5.10.
4.45: 1. TIPPERARY SUNSET (P Bradley)
9-1; 2. Sherbedarid 8-1; 3. Minty Rain
100-30 g tov. 22 res. 100-30 g tow May Rain
glow, Nr. 4. U Quirn, Moliton). Toke: £11.90:
£3.00, £1.70, £1.90. DF; £89.30. CSF; £77.25. Tricest: £273.59. Trio: £192.80.

2.30: 1. BAYERO (Michael Brennan) 13-8 iav; 3. Innocent George 100-30; 3. Total Asset 12-1.5 izm. 7. 10. (J O'Sheel) Total: £2-40; £1.50. £1.10. DF: £2-50. CSF: £6.76.

CS:: £7.20.
3.30: 1. LEAP IN THE DARK (R Durwoody)
5-4 fav: 2. Blue Rosetto 7-1; 3. Wickens
One 25-1. 8 ran. 10, ½. (Mass. I, Saddal), Tota:
£2.10; £1.30, £2.10, £3.90. DF: £12.60.
CSF: £9.84.

CSF: £9.64.
4.00: 1. BELLE BUSK (G F Ryer) 8-11 fav;
2. Southerncrosepetch 5-4; 3. Minkulyar
33-1. 4 ran. Dist, dist. (Mrs. S Smith). Tota:
£1.60. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.13.
4.30: 1. OPERA FAN (* Mons) 11-4; 2.
John Tuffy 10-11 fax; 3. Mrs. Drummond 6-1.
3 ran. 13-21. (ft. Morror). Tota: £3.90: 5.00: 1. SHERRIFF (R Oursecody) 5-6 to 3. Girame 5-2; 3. Hard Try 8-1. 4 ran. 4, det (J Hile). Tota: £2.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.46

2.30: 1. GUESSTRATION (G Barchell) 4-1: 2. Haroldon 11-4; 3. Pegassus Bay 5-2 fev. 6 ran. ½, 1½, U Pesace). Todes £3.60; £1.70, £2.00, £1.10, DF: £5.80, CSP: £1.175. Timo: £5.10, NR: Benicia Boy. After a stawards' m-25.11. Not sented boy. All of a listenses in-quity, the first two placings were reversed. 3.00: 1. AZTEC FLYER (M Remme) 3-1; 2. Tol Tol 11-2; 3. Dencing Cavaller 7-1, 8 ran. 5-2 fav Yek Allorg (4th). 4, 24. (C Brittam). Totac \$4.30; £1.70, £2.70. Df. £15.50. CSF: £16.98. NR: Bellion. £15.50. CSF: £16.98. NR: Bearos. 3.30: 1, DRWMS MMSS-P (6 Duffield) 8-1; 2. White Emir 11-2; 3. The West 6-1, 12 ran. 5-2 for Paincegists Lack, 1, 1, (A Jervis). Totor: £8.10: £2.40, £2.20, £1.40, DF: £15.70, CSF: £44.21, Tiros £32.10. NRs.

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27.32, 7.80, 21.90, 07: 22.20, 05: 22.30, 05: 22.30, 05: 22.30, 05: 2.20, 05 5.30: 1. FLUIT IONAPPER (Paul Eddery) 7-2: 3. Viterica 6-4 fav, 3. Beacon Silver 9-2. 9 mm. Nr. 11. (GWngg). Tota: £5.60; £2.10, £1.50, £1.20... DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.23, Tho: Placepot: £34.90. Quadpot: £7.90. Place 6: £28.92. Place 6: £24.98.

2. Alphe whistey 11-4 n fav; 3. Rejected 7-2. 6 ran. 11-4 jt fav Eastern Lync (4th). 1/4, 1/4, (N Callaghan). Totac £5.30; £2.10, £1.30. DF: £7.50. CSF: £11.41. NR: Cookn

4.30: 1 LITTLE MISS HUFF (P Stoomfeld)

£1.30, £7.90, £1.90, DF: £22.50, CSF:

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puter Straight Forecast £5.05. 2.35: 1 FLINTLOCK (R McGrath) 5-2; 2. Craignry 5-4 fav; 3. Maubeo 6-1. 6 ran. 1%, nd. (H. Alexander). Tota: £3.40; £1.70. £1.70. £25f: £6.36. 3.10; 1. POND HOUSE (C Maude) 3-1;

2.00: 1. STONEO RIACULATE (C McCor-mack) 3-1; 3. Manileon 4-6 fav; 3. Two Sille 33-1. 7 ray. 29, 13. (F Murphy). Totac £3.50; £1.40, £2.10, Dual Forecast £1.50. Com-nuing Structure Expenses.

A Magnire 21 from 100 (21%),

120: 120: 1 ETERNAL CITY (A Dobbin) 13-8 6: 2. Ferietto 2-1; 3. Bit Of A Decem 2-1 4 ran. 31, 21. (G Richards). Tota: 52.70. DF: 52.70. CSF: 55.03. DF: £2.70, CSF: £5.03.
4.50: 1. TWE NANT SLEEP (C Maude) 7-4
fa; 2. Follow De Call 6-1; 3. Sul Found 12-1.
11.ras. 11, 10, (M Pice), Tota: £2.90; £1.20, £2.20, £4.10, DF: £8.10, CSF: £13.85.
Phicapot: £29.40, Quadpot: £47.30.
Place 8: £24.90, Place 5: £72.29.

CHEPSTOW IRE (R Firench) 100-30; 2. 2.16: 1. ADMINE (R Firench) 100-30; 2. Cheine Ace 9-2; 3. Saellajoy 25-1. 6 ran. 9-4 lav Good Cetch. 3, nk. (Mas Gay Valle-lay), Tota: £4.20; £1.30, £1.50, £5.00. Dual Forecast: £7,60. Computer Straight For

2. Termin 5-1; 2. Shergamer 33-1, 10 ran. 5. Seed bin Stroot, Toke £2.00; £1.20. 1.20, £3.80. DP: £3.50. CSF: £7.49. Tricc 296.10. NR: Lucky Double. Open Condit 7-2; 3. Gibb 12-1. 4 ran. 1/4, 7, (D Loder), Totac £1.30. DF: £1.30. GSF: £1.50.

3.50: 1. ELEVENTH DUNCE J. Deficit) 15-8 it fav., 2. Bandhor 7-1; 3. Dina Ots 3-1. 6 ran. 15-8 jt fav First Village (4th). 1½, ½. (R. Hennon). Toke: £2.40: £1.60; £3.00. Df. £14.70. CSP: £15.47. Following a stawards trugby, Rest Village was disqualified from that days diseased from the

requiry, NEX Venige was usually as a surple shad fourth.
4.20: 1. TARRY (P Doe) 11: 1; 2. State-jack 5-2 tay, 3. Eviding 16: 1. 12 rain. 1, ¼. (A Streeter). Tota: £20.90; £4.00. £1.30, (B. 36:0. DF: £25.70. CSP: £35.19. Tino: £209.10.
4.50: 1. AFRICAN-PARD (S Drowne) 14-1: 2. Delles 14-1; 3. Ningle Laier 4-1 fav. 4.50: 1. APROCAN-FARID IS DOWNER: 44-1; 2. Delicen 14-1; 3. Ningle Lair 4-1 fex. 16 ren. 2%, 1%, 0) Heydri Jonesi. Totas: 223.30: £4.40, £1.80, £1.60, £2.20, DF: £157.00, CSP: £180.18. Tricast: £873.22.

: 569.30. cepet: £15.70. Quadpot: £7.30. ce 6: £50.79, Piace 6: £13.96. **EPSOM**

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2.06: 1. NBBHT FLYSE (M Henry) 4-1: 2. Measter Mac 7-2 Sry, 3. Iron allocardain 7-1. 6 ren. 1. ½. (J HBs., Lambourn). Rote: £5.90; £1.90, £1.40, £2.20, Dual Forecest: £7.80. Computer Straight Forecest: £18.53. Tricest: £85.43. Trice £19.60. NR: Santone. 2.39: 1. GABLE STORMS (D Holland) 7-1; 2. Taucosa Deven 5-1; 2. Cross The Border 6-1.9 zau, 9-4 fav Ledy Shetiff (4m), ½. ½. (M Joinston, Middeltern). Total: £7.90; £2.20, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £18.30. CSF: £39.05. Tricest: £206.65. Trice £37.50. NR: Repetitory.

Recently. 8.10: 1. SHAFT OF LIGHT (Mr A Baking) 8.10: 1. SHAFT OF LIGHT ON A Building 100-30 fav; 2. Brandon Magie 13-2; 3. Dence 50 Suite 12-1, 12 part. 4, hd. (Lord Hurstragton, West Ridey), Totae £3.80; £1.80, £3.00, £3.80. Dual Forecast: £14.40. Computer Streight Forecast: £22.61. Tricest: £218.53. Tric: £48.50.
3.40: 1. AMED ALBADU (G Carter) 8-4; 2. Matter Brandone 13-8 fax: 3. Zalibrine 3-1. 5 rat. 4, 4, (PROTHERS, Total: 52.00; 51.50, £1.20, DF: £1.90, CSF: £3.80, 5.00: 1. CANTON VENTURE (A Maguise) 11.8 fac; 2. Thame Arem 4-1; 3. Man Scotter 33-1. 6 rat. 3, 10, [S Woods). Total: £2.60; £1.70, £1.40, DF: £2.80, CSF: £6.08. Placepot: £30.80, Quaripot: £2.10. Place 6: £43.73, Place 8: £27.50. Whoter Roumance 13-8 fav. S. Zhilizhan 3-1. 5 ma, 5, 1. U Durton, Aumdell, Totac 53-20; 5.1.80, £1.30. Dual Forecast: £2.60. CSF: £5.83.

4.10: 1. PRESENT SITUATION (Amee Cook) 6-1: 2. Le Modiste 7-1: 3. Pairs 7-1. 13 ran. 11-2 fav Keyves. 14, 5. (Lord Hura-ngton, West Issey). Tota: £6.00; £2.10, £2.60, £2.20, DP £22.40, CSP: £45.43. In-CAST: £291.37, Trio: £31.20. NR: PT

A40: 1 LMELY STORY (J Reil) 3-1; 2. Night Shot 9-4 fay; 3. Commic Countasts 7-1. 9 ran. 5, 2 () Durklop, Arundel). Tota: £3.50; £1.40, £2.00, £2.40, DF: £3.80, CSF: £9.81. Tric: £9.40.

5.10: 1. POLISH ROMANCE (D Holland)

5-2; 2. Silver Kristal 5-4 fay; 3. Susomeroes

5-1: 6 ran. 1%, rk. (M Stotia, Newmarket). Robe: £2.00; £1.40, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £3.10. Tota: 53.20; £1.40, £1.20, £1.70, DP. £3.10, CSP. £5.79. Placepot: £29.10. Quadpot: £7.60. Place &: £45.39. Place S: £26.58.

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2.30: 1. HE KNOWS THE RILES (A Magaine) 1-2 far; 3. Milzig 100-30; 3. Safe-cractor 9-2. 4 ran. Hd, 18. (R Buckler). Tota: £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.54. \$1.50, DF. £1.80, CSF: £2.54,
3.00:1. CHOPN () Gallegier) 7-1; 2. Sovereign 40-4; 3. Gray Pestell 2-7 fav. 6 ran.
6, 22, (6 Johnson Houghton). Totas: £8.40;
£3.30, £1.100, DF: £54.70, CSF: £145.51
3.50: 1. THIS IS MY LIFE (6 Bedder) 4-7
fav; 2. Flowing Riber 9-1; 3. No Such Person 25-1. 6 ran. 10, 17, (6 Brootes). Totas:
£160; £1.30, £2.40, DF: £4.80, CSF. £5.20,
4.00: 1. GenRY'S PRINC (A Magnire) 6-4
fan; 2. Up The Tempo 6-4 £ fax; 3. Johingo 4-1. 4 ran. 24, 22, U Mullins). Totas:
£2.10, DF: £1.50, CSF: £3.83.
4.30; 1. BLEWIN (M Ahem) 7-4; 2. Pre-4.30: 1. R.E.W.N. (M Ahem) 7-4; 2. Pre-rogative 11-10 inc; 3. Victory Authors 25-1; 5 mm. 4, 4. (P Ritchers), Totac 52-60; 51-50.

3.25: 1 SARAYIR (R Hile) 4-1 fov; 2. High 8-1; 3. Coretta 5-1, 10 ran, Six-

23.83. These: £151.13. Tho £19.30.

3.55: 1. JURGOR MUFFEN (P Feese) 4-1;
2. Erro Codigo 11-8 fax; 3. Putuy Calayth
15-8. 5 cm. Hd. 1. (J Berry, Cochertarn). Retu:
£4.00; £1.90; £1.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £9.17.

4.26: 1. NOTE: (M Him) 11-2; 3. Mility
Of The Vally 5-1 fax; 3. Go Britannia 7-1.
11 ras. Nr., hd. (G Wragg, Newmarked, Totac:
£4.80; £1.50, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £12.60.
CSF: £29.74. Tricast: £178.12.

4.56: 1. GOLDEN DICE (K Fallon) 7-4 fax;
2. Khalue 6-2: 3. Equity Princess: £0-1. 17
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Taylor's matadors put England to the sword

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land's highest total was 478 for

9, Australia managed five scores higher than the 313, that was

England's next best

"What is wrong with English cricket? Why are the Australians so vastly superior to us?" These are perennial questions it seems for the reason they appear in quotation marks, is that they come from a chapter in a book by Bill O'Reilly, called Cricket onquest, a journal about the 1948 Ashes tour.

In that summer, England lost 4-0 to what is now regarded as probably the greatest Australian side to tour. In assessing the question. O'Reilly, the Shane Warne of his day, felt that there were few times that England seemed to have a "Bolter's chance" of winning a Test match.

Fifty years on, and little has changed, for England could quite have easily lost this series 4-1 as opposed to 3-2. More revealing than the scoreline however, is that all three of Australia's victories came in a row and were won by country miles; games in which England performed as meekly as choirboys in a frontier tavern.

Although undeniably capable of intermittent brilliance, it is rignur and imagination that England mostly lack, and not only among the players. As Australia announce bold plans to select separate Test and one-day sides for the future, as well as

We have our moments and win the odd Test but, reflects Derek Pringle, it is Australia who always rise to the occasion

provide better pay for its play-ers. England's policy makers are still squabbling around a table playing footsie. Held back, distracted by the

petty self-interest of their second masters, the county clubs, confusion reigns, and the players reflect this in their cricket. Australia on the other hand, are resilience personified.

Arriving jaded after their se-ries against South Africa, and distracted by rumhlings over the suitability of their captain, they looked ripe for the taking. So ripe, that when they lost both the one-day series and the first Test, the worry lines began to appear. But, although consummately outplayed by England, something vital occurred in Birmingham: Mark Taylor scored a battling hundred. In a single stroke, all the speculation regarding the captaincy, had been removed and from that moment on they were a side united in a collective

cause to win the Ashes. Of course it belps to bave matchwinners. But while England have their quality players they do not seem to share their counterparts' sense of occasion. Whenever the "hig ask" was required, thoroughbreds like Steve Waugh, Glenn McGrath, Warne and Ian Healy nearly always deliver. Like skilled matadors, they know exactly where and when to wound an opponent.

In cold figures alone, Graham Thorpe and Nasser Hussain scored more runs than Steve Waugh. The difference bowever, is that Waugh produced the bulk of his when his side most needed them, and his two centuries at Old Trafford, which got Australia back into the series, must rate amongst the finest ever played on covered pitches.

Had Waugh not delivered, England, in all likelihood, would have been two up with three to play. A position, which if not exactly deserved, would probably not have been squandered.

Although the inclement weather helped to disguise the matter, England had decided to play this series - at least until the dustbowl at The Oval - on slow grassy pitches.

To some this was pure folly. To others it was a risk worth tak-ing, and one that until McGrath began hitting the right length and

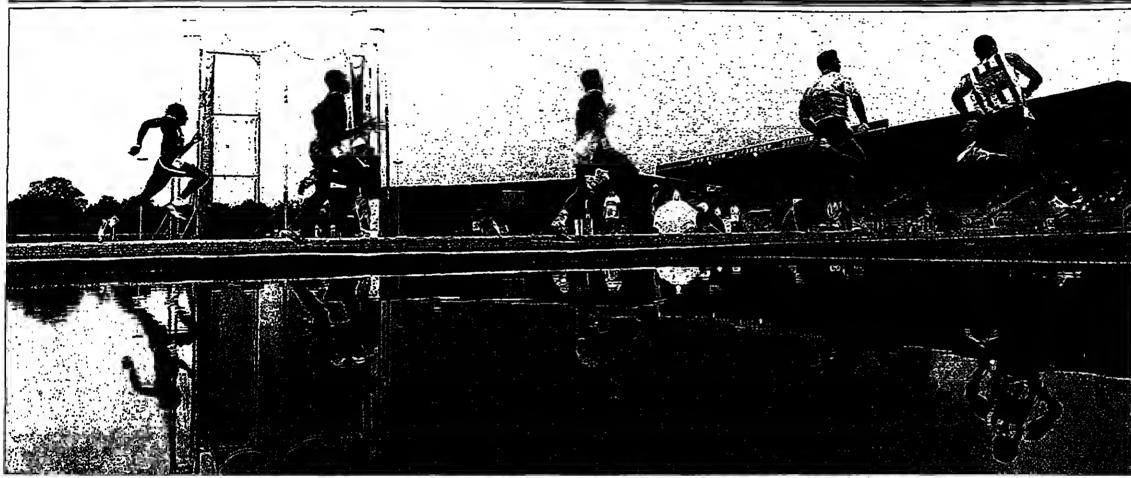
And yet England's bowlers. appeared to remain far more competitive than their batting counterparts. Providing injury does not blight them, the pace the of Andy Caddick, Darren Gough and Dean Headiey all had enough moments to bode

scheme failed to realise though, was how it would affect some of well for the immediate future. They were however, not in the England's key batsmen, and both Thorpe and Alec Stewart same class as McGrath (36 wickets) and Warne (24 wickets), who with their sustained accuracy, are able to build pressure until it Recovering his form, Thorpe reaches intolerable proportions. ended the series as England's Something Atherton - Mc-Grath's victim seven times in the leading run-scorer with 453 runs. However, between his century in the first Test at Edgbaston and the flat pitch for the fifth at Trent series - found to his cost

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As O'Reilly concluded even then: The lot of an English professional bowler, chosen for England, is not a rosy one. He not only has to bowl in the more important matches for his country, but is expected to turn out the next day if need be, to do the hack work for his county." We can hardly claim we were

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Running water: The men's 200m heats in Birmingham yesterday. In the final, Coventry's Marion Devonshire, a late entry, won with a personal best of 20.65 seconds

Photograph: Peter Jay

Cash-stricken BAF asks amateurs to save jobs

To judge by the low key event it staged with such obstinacy at the Alexander Stadium yesterday and the day before, the Amateur Athletic Association is a body of waning power.

Appearances can be decep-tive. Despite splitting its championships from the British Athletic Federation trials this year in acrimonious circumstances, the AAA of England now finds itself in a position to name its own terms, because it has something the sport's umhrelln body is in desperate need

The BAF which lost half a million pounds last year, has reached financial crisis. It is reported that a loan of £500,000 is due to be repaid by the end of the month; now BAF has appealed to its bitter rival to bail it out until the £1.4m of Lottery money it has been promised has been freed by the Sports Council.

"We can't let these championships die, and we can't let BAF die." Geoff Clarke, the AAA treasurer, said.

on Saturday to sanction an ofals - and permission to negoti-

ate its own television rights.

According to a BAF

Clarke would not be drawn on what conditions the AAA which has reserves approaching £2m - might exact when their management committee meets fer of financial support. But other sources suggest the AAA's price would be the continuation of a separate championship distinct from the main BAF tri-

Thus the fault line which currently runs through the sport will stretch on into the future. Next year, the AAA will hold its own England trials for the Commonwealth Games just three weeks before the BAF trials to select Britain's European Championship team.

financial management.

Mike Rowbottom reports from Birmingham on the desperate plight of Britain's national athletics federation

spokesperson, the AAA have every year since 1880 - had re-the serves of £2.5m. When BAF was The AAA also maintains it been asked to save the jobs of a number of development officers and all five national coach-Without immediate

assistance, Richard Lease, Bruce Longdon, Carl Johnson, Peter Warden and Richard Simmons would all face redundancy next month. The AAA have also been asked to underwrite administration

The departure of Peter Radford as the BAF's executive chairman has done something to ease relations between the two bodies, but Clarke was scathing yesterday about BAF's

In 1991, the AAA - which, apart from times of war, bas staged its own championships

serves of £2.5m. When BAF was

set up in 1993, it took half of that amount, and 50 per cent of any subsequent surplus.

BAF spent half a million on leasing its headquarters, Clarke said. "Other than that, they have lived beyond their means."
He criticised the payment of

large salaries, such as the £70,000 per annum that Radford received, and extra expenditure on forward planning. The crunch bas finally come, be added. "England bas no alternative but to save British athletics. Nobody is prepared to say they have made a balls-up. But

they have.
"It was suddenly dropped on us out of the hlue. But we are not so bitter or so twisted that

John Merricks and Ian Walk-

er, who may race Ultras next

year in a series which could see

an additional grand prix staged

has no alternative but to hold the Commonwealth trials in the first week of July. The Commonwealth Games Council for England needs early selections in order to organise attendance at a pre-Games holding camp being set up in

Penang, near Kuala Lumpur, BAF needs to hold its trials at the end of July, before the European Championships start in Budapest on 15 August. Holding two trials within three

weeks of each other is something which is bound to cause widespread dismay in the sport.
"It's deadly," said the na-

tional sprint coach. Richard Simmons, who will join the British Olympic Association

to have two trials so close to- ranking athletes were present. gether. It is forcing athletes to decide between the Europeans and the Commonwealths. The athletes should come first, and not be disadvantaged by having

to fit into someone's timetable. The timing of these Championships - which received 11th hour support from View From -could bardly have been worse, coming as they did at the tail end of the season and clashing with Sunday's UK Women's League matches, the World Student Games and BAF team visits to Switzerland and Germany.

A gathering of little more than a thousand purists witnessed a meeting which must have been a sweet reminder to some of the old AAA guard present of how things used to be before the days of appearance fees

and shoe contracts

this autumn. "It would be crazy less than captivating. Few top and those who were - such as Angie Thorp, Judy Oakes - who earned a record 15th AAA title - and Robert Weir encountered little opposition.

Steve Halls and Cathy Beeson, who have attended every AAA Championships for the last 10 years, were less than impressed. "Even we are struggling with some of the names today,

said Halls. Ian Cross, who had brought his wife and three daughters from Northallerton to watch, said he was disappointed at the way the championships had

been split from the trials. "It makes it very difficult for people who want to follow the sport," he said. "It means an extra weekend away. This internal tussle between the AAA and

Notts join the chase for Warne

Nottinghamshire will bave to wait at least another month to discover whether they bave won the race to sign Shane Warne as their overseas player for next season.

The Australian leg-spinner has now received a firm offer from Nottinghamshire to add to an approach he bas had from Sussex. Trent Bridge officials declared their interest in signing Warne in June, when be announced that he would consider playing county cricket next

Nottinghamshire held talks with Warne's manager, Austin Robertson, on the eve of the final test at The Oval last week. The county's cricket committee chairman, Stuart Foster, said: Our offer is now on the table. We feel it's a very good one but we will now have to wait and see. It was made clear that an announcement about his future won't be made until late September.

The Australian Cricket Board is to continue to campaign for the urn containing the Ashes to be released under a proposal to keep it in the country which won the most recent series. However, the ACB chief executive. Mal Speed, said he thought it "unlikely" that it would be successful.

"I think it would be great if we could have the Ashes in Australia," Speed said, "If we did get them here, I think it's fair to say that they will be here for some time.

"I also think it's unlikely that they will come to Australia. But the board, through its chairman Denis Rogers, will be approa-ching the MCC to ask that the Ashes be released in the next day or so.'

Chris Rea, a spokesman for the MCC, said; The fact of the matter is the Ashes are not a trophy to be played for like the Calcutta Cup. Legally, they are the MCC's private property. They were given to the MCC as BAF is not going to help any- a gift and not as a tropby to be

Smith's title as Charles makes his mark

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Belfast Lough

Conditions were ideal here yesterday for Lawrie Smith to win the Ultra 30 Grand Prix championship. However, the top scorer in the fourth and final event in the series was Glyn Charles, who finished three days of racing with 35 points, one ahead of Smith and Eddie Warden Owen.

Charles' victory was enough to give him third overall, five points behind Russell Peters, with Jeremy Robinson as tactician, the runner-up, and eight points behind Smith.

This is the eighth year of the Ultra 30s and Smith has won very time except 1995, when Peters broke his domination. This year, even a move by Peters to have Smith's boat declared illegal came to nothing. With Smith here were three

of his Silk Cut crew ahead of next month's Whitbread Race
- Neal McDonald with him on Frontera, Jez Fanstone with Owen on Hoya and Jan Dekker with Charles on United Airlines. The nine-man crews of the 30ft Ultras showed how far

their ability to control these difficult boats, each with racks on which the crews sit out to bal-

ance them, has developed. In a gusty and shifting wind off the Royal Ulster Yacht Club there were plenty of anxious moments for the spectators, but the old days of capsizes returned only once, Owen and crew going

for a swim in the first race. He came back to take the second race of the day, while the improving Charles scored three wins in a weekend of eight races which took the fleet first to Jordanstown Lough, then

Carrickfergus and Bangor.

in London, are in Israel com-peting in the 470 dinghy World Championship. The duo, who came second last year in Brazil, qualified for the finals after finishing fifth in group A, as did Nick Rogers and Steve Irish, 12th in Group B.

FRONTERA ULTRA 30s GRAND PROX (Bellins Lough): I.G Charles (United Adines) 35pts: 2= L Smith (Fronters) and E Warden Owen (Hops) 34; 4 R Peters (DSS) 29; 5 P Newtonds (Mobil) 20; 6 R Yeoman (Save & Prosper) 15. Final standings: 1 Smith 22pts: 2 Peters 19; 3 Charles 14; 4 Owen 12; 5 Yeoman 9; 6 Newtonds 7.

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Bintcliffe holds off Biela Gibbs likely to join list to confirm his progress

Motor racing GWYN DOLPHIN

John Bintcliffe yesterday confirmed the progress he has been making this season when he steered his Audito victory in the Touring Car Championship at

Swelled with the confidence he gained from his maiden victory at the start of August, the Yorkshireman added a superb second victory to his name, a win which confirmed his progress from single-make racing champion to touring car contender. Bintcliffe had to work hard for his success in the 19th round of the series, pushed all the way

by his team-mate and the reign-ing champion, Frank Biela. The pair of Quattros stormed away from the line in the damp conditions of the day's opening race, passing the pole-sitting Vol-vo of Rickard Rydell. Indeed, the Volvo was swamped by Biela and the Hondas of James on wet weather tyres on the dry-ing track, eventually suffered a gearbox problem when struggling at the back of the field.

For the rest of the race, Biela poured the pressure on his team-mate as he tried to find a way past. "There were a couple of times when he tapped mc up the hack, hut as long as I was sensible under hraking, I could hold him off," Bintchiffe said. "There was nothing I could do, John drove a sensible race," Biela admitted later.

The German had his revenge in the next race, casily holding off the new BTCC champing Alain Menu, although the Swiss driver's result assured Williams Renault of the drivers', manufacturers' and team titles. Thompson, meanwhile, secured another third place finish.

Binteliffe again provided much of the excitement passing Rydell and Jason Plato's Renaul after a hectic struggle, which came to a head on lap 16 as Rydell slid wide. Plato was delayed Thompson and Gabriele Tar- as they touched and Bintcliffe quini as well. Rydell, gambling nipped through into fifth place.

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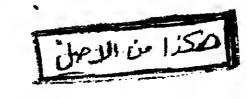
Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

Scott Gibbs, heartily sick of seeing his prestigious name linked with various hig-spending Eng-lish clubs following his heroics for the Lions in South Africa this summer, looks likely to sweat out his frustration on the treatment table rather than the pitch this weekend. The Swansea centre, subject of a £400,000 offer from Northampton as recently as last week, has ankle ligament problems and may well miss the low-key Wales Romania international at Wrexham on Saturday.

Wales are already resigned to taking the field without three first-choice backs, with Ieuan Evans and Roh Howley still nursing respective hamstring and shoulder injuries sustainted during the Lions tour and Neil Jenkins feeling the detri-mental effects of Pontypridd's opening Premiership fixture with Cardiff 11 days ago. Wayne Procter, the Llanelli wing, is also up against it, thanks to a badly hruised thigh.

The solitary Gibbs, less than impressed by the constant speculation surrounding his future in Welsh club rugby, will con-sult Malcolm Downes, the Welsh Rugby Union surgeon, tomorrow to ascertain the full extent of the injury picked up during Swansea's impressive weekend victory over Newport at St Helen's. Kevin Bowring and the rest of the Welsh hierarchy could do without further midfield selection problems foilowing the cluh versus country wrangle involving Gibbs' Test partner, the Richmond centre Allan Bateman.

Meanwhile, Ken Rowlands, the WRU's director of referees. wants Ian Ramage, the Scottish official scheduled to control Saturday's game, to wear a microphone and allow his comments to be broadcast to the crowd. The move follows a recent initiative in the southern hemisphere where, in effect, referees have been wired to the ter-



Hill running out of options after turning down Jordan

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Spa-Francorchamps

In one regard, Formula One is no different from any other sport. You are only as good as

your last game. Damon Hill may be reflecting on that as he continues his pursuit of a job for next season. However, his mission will have been rendered no easier by events here this past weekend.

He finished the Belgium Grand Prix in the pits, classified a barely noticed 14th. Rather more conspicuous was the com-bative and controlled drive of Jordan-Peugeot's Giancarlo Fisichella, eclipsed only by the genius of Michael Schumacher.

Fisichella's performance will have reaffirmed Eddie Jordan's belief he should persist in his endeavours to prove that his team, and not Benetton, have the contractual right to the Italian's

Jordan has attempted to cov-er himself by asking Hill if he would be prepared to consider a deal in the region of \$6.5m (£4.2m). The reigning champion, it is understood, rejected the proposal, just as he turned down McLaren-Mercedes' offer of \$2m (£1.2m), plus \$1m a win, in the wake of his sterling show at the previous race in

Hill publicly and vehemently argued that decision was justified because, although finding priority, he felt he was entitled to a fee in keeping with his sta-tus as defending champion. His ball-park figure is \$10m.

However, there is a feeling within the sport that he blew a golden opportunity after Bu-dapest and that his stature was badly chipped here this weckend. Revelations of the broken negotiations and an uninspiring display on the Spa track have done nothing to enhance his

qualifying and in the race by his much maligned partner, Pedro Diniz, who actually contributes \$12m to the Arrows-Yamaha

team hndget.
Tom Walkinshaw, the team owner, said somewhat pointedly: "Pedro's had a cracking weekend. He's been on the pace all weekend and shown that our speed in Hungary wasn't a flash in the pan. Our cars were as quick as anything on the track."

Hill, he infers by omission, did not make good of his. The Englishman admits he chose the wrong tyres at the start, as did others. Also like others, be was outclassed in every department by Schumacher. That is why any team would pay any price if they could to hire the championship leader - hailed here by Jordan as the greatest of all time - and why they are not prepared to do so for Hill. It is even suggested

Bernie Ecclestone, the commercial head of Formula One, is trying to use his influence to place Hill in the top team. which now means Jordan or Benetton. But the latter have expressed a commitment to youth and the uncertainty about the position of their managing director, Flavio Briatore, is apparently holding up business affaira in the Anglo-Italian camp. It is thought Briatore's departure could be announced a number of teams have agreed by the end of next month. to cap any offer for him.

A ruling of Fisichella's place-ment for 1998 could still create an opening for Hill at either Jor-dan or Benetton, but then he returns to the obstacle of money. Sauber were willing to meet his asking price and may still be, de-spite the fact Hill has already rejected them and the team said their talks had been concluded.

Prost remain an option, as do Arrows. But Walkinshaw might not be prepared to pay him another \$7m, let alone increase

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JOHN ROBERTS reports from Flushing Meadow

Big names may come and go, but the first winner in the \$254m (£158m) Arthur Ashe Stadium at the United States Open was... Tamarine Tanasugarn. The 20-year-old from Thailand, ranked No 41 in the world, swept past the American Chanda Rubm, 6-4, 6-0, after 53

Tanasugarn did not stand on ceremony, chiefly because there was no ceremony. The pomp of mauguration had been reserved for the night session, when Whitney Houston was scheduled to exercise her lungs after a parade of former champions. When play began at 11am

there was harely a quorum in the 23,000-seat stadium, hardly a soul experiencing vertigo reality in the upper tier. Rubin, noted for her tenac-

ity in winning marathon matches until her progress was hampered by a wrist injury, which put her out of the game for 10 months last year, never looked secure, even when leading 4-2 in the opening set. The 21-year-old from Lafayette, Louisiana, lost the next 10 games and has now been eliminated in the first round of four of her last five tournaments.

it was of little consolation for the earlybird spectators that the stadium's first winner was born dad worked in California," Tanasogarn said. "When I was five I moved hack to Thai-

"It's my first time to play in a hig stadium, centre court, so I'm pretty happy.", she said . "I played on Court 1 in Wimhle-

final at Wimbledon, but this is time they have played on the the biggest 1 ever played.

The first time I felt like, Wow, I'm playing the higgest court in my life," she said about her first impression of the towering new facility." But after that, I tried not to think anything. I tried to concentrate on

Enter the 17-year-old Venus Williams to make a bigger impact for the host nation, recovering from the frustration of losing a tight first set against Larisa Neiland, of Latvia, to advance to the second round, 5-7,

Playing two against one ap-pears to be the latest ploy de-signed to curtail the 16-year-old Martina Hingis' haul of major titles. It transpires that the world No 1's first round opponent today is pregnant. "This will be my last tourna-

confirmed Tami ment." Whitlinger-Jones, a 28-year-old who lives in San Diego with her husband, the doubles specialist Kelly Jones. "If she feels light-headed.

she'll have to stop," said her coach, Angel Lopez. "Her doctor told her to keep a lot of liq-ulds in her at all times." Currently ranked No 102 in

the world, Whitlinger-Jones won the US Open junior singles title in 1986. She is looking forward to today's challenge of playing Hingis, the youngest Grand Slam champion of the-century, who already holds the Wimbledon and Australian ti-substituting the work of the conservative with Sampras, who was wearing hlack shoes with red toecaps. Was the conservative process of being given an Agassi makeover by his clothing

She will not lack support. "Her whole family is coming, so she's got nothing to lose," Lopez said. "She'll have fun and try to beat her."

Mr and Mrs Jones are seeking a wild card for the mixed don two years ago in the junior doubles, which would be the first same side of the court as professionals. Three against two?

The former Centre Court, the 20,000-seat Louis Armstrong Stadium, was not entirely overlooked on the first day of the new era. Australia's Mark Philippoussis opened the men's singles there with a 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win against Karim Alami, a Moroccan whose CV includes a victory against Pete

Greg Rusedski replaced Tim Henman as British No 1 yesterday by rising to No 20 in the world rankings. Henman, No 21 in the world, was among the first to congratulate his rival. "He deserves to take over as No 1 the way he has been playing in the last few weeks," Henman said. "He has been playing very well, and it's good for both of us. Hopefully, we can push each other higher and

Henman's coach, David Felgate, has heen elected European representative on the six-man board of the ATP Tour, outvoting Guy Forget, of France, Jacco Eltingh, of the Netherlands, and Emilio Sanchez, of Spain. Henman has heen elected to the Tour's

players' council. Yesterday, Henman practised with Sampras, who was sponsor, Nike? A representative explained

that Sampras had been given the shoes as a hirthday present for a joke and was unlikely to wear them in matches, risking a rush on the sports shops. For one thing, only one pair had been

vided the much-improved

Wolves with a tough test hut



The new Arthur Ashe court rises behind players practising for the US Open, which began yesterday

Saints' win marred by Goulding dismissal Hall makes it three out of five

St Helens virtually assured themselves of a top-four Super League place with a 25-18 win over Leeds at Knowsley Road yesterday, but the match was overshadowed by the dismissal

of Bobbie Goulding. Goulding, stripped of the captaincy two weeks ago for disciplinary reasons, was sent off, for the second time this season, after 29 minutes for a high

GM Vauxhall Conference

tackle on the Leeds prop, Jamie Mathiou, who received treatment for almost five minutes before being taken to hospital with severe concussion.

year, though, Saints put Goulding's dismissal behind them to record a backs-to-the-wall vic-

with Castleford losing 22-14 at Warrington. Castleford pro-

At the other end of the table, the bottom club Oldham were given some hope of survival

were always chasing the game once Jon Roper pounced for his ninth try of the season after 15 For the second time this minutes. There were also tries for Jason Lidden, Nigel Vagana and Mark Forster, while Castleford

> son Critchley and Chris Smith. Oldham, who play at Paris tonight, are three points behind Castleford with two games left, while the West Yorkshire side

managed two late tries from Ja-

have just one more game to confirm their Super League place for next season. Paris are on 10. points with Castleford, but have today's match in hand.

London Broncos made sure

of second place despite dropping a point in a 28-28 draw against Halifax Blue Sox at The Stoop. London, who had 1ed 24-10, were still heading for both points until Michael Jackson scored an injury-time try for Halifax which was converted by John Schuster.

Walter Hall, playing his first sea-son on the Seniors Tour, scored a closing 70 for an 11-under-par 277 to win the PGA Championship by three strokes at The Bel-

fry yesterday. It was the American's third seniors title in five starts since he turned 50 in June. Hall, from North Carolina, returned to the professional game only four years ago after a career as an engineering salesman.

Europe's leading senior, Tommy Horton, made a late run chasing his fourth win of the season, but closed with 68 for second place. His cheque for £16,600 took him over the £100,000 mark for the second

year in a row. In Surrey, British Columbia, Mark Calcavecchia ended a persistent rain. two-year run without a victory with a final round of 66 to take the Greater Vancouver Open. Calcavecchia edged out Andrew Magee by one stroke with a 19-under total of 265.

man won his second NEC World Series title in three years. In a year when players in their 20s won three of the four major championships, the 42-yearold Norman struck a blow for the older generation with a closing three-under-par 67 in

Taking advantage of pre-ferred lies, the Australian compiled six hirdies to collect his second World Series title in three years. Phil Mickelson hit 72 to finish second on 277.

More bad news for **Adams**

Football

ALAN NIXON AND MATTHEW SLATER

Tony Adams' hopes of proving his fitness for England's World Cup qualifier against Moldova at Wembley on 10 September have been dashed by another injury setback.

The Highbury captain, ruled out of England's summer games because of surgery on his right ankle, made the first steps on the comeback trail in a reserve game against Portsmouth last Tuesday. But his plans to take part in another reserve game on Saturday came to nothing after he suffered a reaction to a rib

Kenny Dalglish is lining up the Norwegian midfielder Pet-ter Rudi as his next signing for Newcastle United. Dalglish hopes to capture the highly rated 23-year-old for £750,000 from Molde when the league season in Norway ends in mid-October. Rudi, who scored a spectacular goal for his country in last week's 4-0 World Cup win in Finland, has also been watched by Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday.

Everton's Andy Hincheliffe is close to returning to action after a nine-month absence with a knee ligament injury. Hinchcliffe was given further cause for cheer when Glenn Hoddle's assistant, John Gorman, rang to tell him he still figured in England's plans. Hinchcliffe was in the England team before his inwill compete will Chelsea's Graeme Le Saux for Hoddle's favour.

Bolton's £1.5m signing from Middlesbrough, Neil Cox, is facing a month out of action with a strained hamstring.

Sunderland's Scottish midfielder Alex Rae has asked for a transfer after being dropped from the first team. The 27-yearold cost £1m when he moved from Millwall last summer.

TODAY'S NUMBER.



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SPORTING DIGEST

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 4 Cincinnata 2 (10 Innings); Philadelphie 1 Los Angeles 5; Passburgh 9 San Francisco 6: New York 2 San Diego 3: Chicago Cobs 12 Montreal 3; Hous-ton 3 Colorado 1; Florida 7 St Louis 1.

Basketball Davide Anctiotto, a 23-year-old First Dipavide Anchoron, a 23-year-did Hist Di-vision player, has died after suffering a brain haemorrhage a week ago. An-cliotto, who played for Telemarket Roma and the national team, collapsed on court on 17 August during a match against the French side Nancy Basket. Cougars in Gubbio. He ermained in a coma in a Rome bestital until he died. coma in a Rome hospital until he died of heart failure late on Sunday night.

Bowls

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P Harding) 19-9; Walse (K Perace, S Mansbridge and II Mongan) by England (J Baker, G
and S Page) 17-13; Israel by USA 19-13; Iersey (A Birth, K Horman and J Lowery) by Spain
25-10; South Africa by Naviba 16-12;
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RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

Stones Super League Bradford (18) 18, Wigan (6) 33. Bra ford: Tries: Dwyer, Lowes, Scales. Goals: McNamara 3. Wigan: Tries: Robinson 2, Connolly, Cowie, Paul. Goals: Farrell 6. Drop Goals: Farrell. London (18) 28, Halifax (10) 28, Lon-

Umaga. Goals: Schuster 4. (3,400). Sheffield (14) 30, Salford (6) 12. Sheffield Trios Vassiblemoules 2 Carr Crowther, Morganson, Goals: Aston 5. Sectord: Tries: Randall, Goals: Blakelev 4. (2.800). St Helens (8) 25, Leeds (14) 18. St

UEFA yesterday turned down an appeal by Paris St-Germain to have a two-goal penalty lithed for using a suspended player in their European Cup preliminary round first leg match against Steaua Bucharest. The decision means PSG's 3-2 loss in Bucharest on 13 August will

NEC WORLD SERIES OF GOLF (Alco Leading fixel round scores (US un)

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3-2 loss in Bucharest on 13 August will be recorded as a 3-0 defeat, leaving 3-2 loss in Bucharest on 1.3 August will be recorded as a 3-0 defeat, leaving tha Paris club a huge task in the return leg in Paris tornorrow in order to qual-ify for the Champions League.

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Drop Goals: Hammond, Leeds: Tries:

ckmore 2, Rwett. Goals: Harns 2, Halroyd. (7,270). Warrington (11) 22, Castleford (4) 14. Wernington: Tries: Forster, Roper, Vacana, Goals: Briers 4, Drop Goals: Brier C Smith. Goals: Davis. (6,076). **Divisional Premiership**

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Postponed: Whitehaven v Carlisi

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ice hockey

Ashley Tait, the Great Britain interna-tional forward, has left Nottingham Pan-thers, of the Superleague, for Kingston Hawks. The St. Lin centre has been play-ing in the top flight with the Parthers since he was 15 and is widely-regard-ed as one of the best juniors to be pro-duced in this country. However, now at ced in this country. However, now at the age of 21, he has chosen to leave

Rugby League AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE Round 16: Bris-bone Broncos 22 Canterbury Bufdogs 24, Lead-leg final attandings 1 Brisbene 29pt; 2 Conulis 24; 3 Carbens 22; 4 Cantesbury 20. Speedway

ATP TOTR Leading rankings: 1 P Sempos (US) 5.491pts; 2 M Chang (US) 3.6322 at Y Katelinkov (Rus) 2.6533; 4 G Ivantesove (Chan) 2.674; 5 7 Austre (Rus) 2.544; 6 C Mayos (So) 2.449; 7 A Correta (So) 2.386; 8 S Brugaera (So) 2.342; 8 G Kusene (Br. 2.190; 1.0 M Ross (Chiel 2.117; 11 T Enquet (So) 2.366; 12 S Brugaera (So) 2.362; 8 G Kusene (Br. 2.190; 1.0 M Ross (Chiel 2.117; 11 T Enquet (So) 2.046; 12 F Mandin (So) 1.968; 13 B Bedien (Ber) 1.918; 14 P Refer (Rus) 1.988; 13 A Costa (So) 1.803; 18 P North (CRep) 1.748; 17 I Berdiman (Swe) 1.742; 18 R Kinglock (Neth) 1.702; 18 M Philippout, So (Aus) 1.632; 20 G Rusedski (GB) 1.601.

Commonwealth Games.

TODAY'S FIXTURES Football

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND
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STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Parts v Oldhert (7.0). Rugby Union INTERNATIONAL MATCH (Pont v Romania (7.0).

Other sports Mandamond messi. (OCKEY: England Under 21 v Australia (Mutor) Plus ca change

Derek Pringle reflects on Australia's continuing domination of the Ashes, page 20 sport

Athletics in crisis

National federation pleads for cash to avert redundancies, page 20

Hodgson in plea for more subs

Football

Roy Hodgson has been in the Premiership five minutes, but that bas not prevented the Blackburn Rovers manager from letting officialdom know his ideas on substitutes.

Hodgson's Italian experience has prompted him to call for a change to the rules which allow five players on the bench.

players and use three subs," be said. "The next step will be four subs, then five in squads of 20 players. We're all carrying big squads, some have up to 34 senior professionals and it is a bit barsh to leave more than balf in the stands every week.

"If I was a player I wouldn't mind being out of the team so long as I felt I was part of the squad. But it's a bell of a blow

selfish trainer to the Premier League to change their rules." Hodgson added: "The days when you had a very clear first

11 and very set idea about your substitutes are over. "You can't have the type of squad necessary to do well in the Premiership without having more than 11 really good players. And if you've 16 or 17 play-

"That's just a plea from a very or six who could get into the just down to the 11 guys who shish trainer to the Premier starting team at another Pre- have played 75-90 minutes, but starting team at another Premiership club.

You must accept these days if yon're a player that it is a squad game. Manchester United have been proving that with their many talented young players that they leave on the bench, while I had to leave Anders Andersson ont of the 16 against Liverpool, yet think be will bethe 20-odd who take part in our

training sessions every day. "It's a cliché, but less of a cliché now than seven years ago and I think we'll see a time when more than 16 players are allowed and more than three substitutes can be used."

Over in Milan, Fabio Capello's concerns were of a far

The Milan coach, returning to Serie A after a year with Real Madrid, called for a more civilised, Spanish-style approach from the fans when the new season starts on Sunday.

"What I miss is the enthusiasm and the civilised behaviour at Spanish football grounds," he said. "I never saw lines of security people protecting the entrance to the players' dresscrowds outside and nobody's going to throw rocks at it.

The grounds are all full, with young men and women, and families. And I'd like to see all that this season here in Italy. I'd like a football match here to finally be just a celebration of

sport, a joyful happening.

Italian football is regularly marred by acts of violence, with last season's trouble including an attack on the Juventus team bus at Fiorentina



Athletics

IAN GORDON reports from Berlin

Carl Lewis, who makes his final appearance on the track here tomight, has launched a fierce broadside at the man who suc. ceeded him as the world's great-est athlete, claiming Michael Johnson was on an "ego-fest".
The nine-times Olympic

champion hit out as he prepared to compete in the climax to the Golden Four Grand Prix series in Berlin.

Lewis attacked the reasoning behind Johnson's head-to-head with the Olympic 100 metres champion, Donovan Bailey, which the 200m world record bolder lost after pulling up injured. "The only reason why Michael wanted that meeting was to say 'hey, look I'm the fastest in the world" said Lewis of the f1m challenge in the Toronto Sky Dome in June.

"It was an ego-fest. He was just trying his hardest to bring all the attention on to him. But when you try to do that you are never successful. The meeting was a disaster and the people saw through it."

Johnson, who successfully defended his 400m title at the World Championships in Atbens earlier this month, courted more controversy in Crystal Palace last week when be collected £60,000 after only finishing fifth in the 200m and pulling out of the relay. That meeting was poorly attended with only around 8,000 turning up and Lewis believes radical action has to be taken to attract fans back to the track.

Lewis, who has taken part in series of junior races to mark his farewell to the Grand Prix circuit, said promoters needed to follow the lead of sports like American basketball

The 36-year-old has boxrowed from basketball terminology by bringing together a sprint "dream team" of four of the fastest men in history for an attack on the 4x100m relay world record.

Lewis will be joined by fellow former world 100m record holder Leroy Burrell, Namibian Frankie Fredericks and Bailey -- though any record would not be ratified even if it is broken as

they are a composite team. But that matters little to Lewis who said: "This is what' spectators want, our promoters" have to realise that. You have to give the fans fireworks and perience can only help us in our music and things like that to send them home happy."

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Iron curtain: Fu Bin, China's goalkeeper, and his defenders repel invaders as a Charlton Athletic side are beaten 4-2 yesterday at Sparrows Lane training ground

The more pressing concern for Buxton and the coach Chi Shan

Bing, is the composition and con-

dition of the 11 to play Iran. Their

brief sortie into suburbia had

been greatly beneficial in that re-

spect, according to Chen Cheng

FA and a member of Fifa's tech-

nical committee: "Apart from the games we played, the boys saw

two matches at Arsenal and

Palace which were very useful for

them. Your teams play very hard, and push up tight, which is not the Asian way. So the whole ex-

Asia's World Cup hopefuls conquer suburbia

It was like something out of Star Trek. The footballers of the most populous country on the planet beamed down to a south London playing field zapped all the alien armoury the locals could muster and then prepared

Sparrows Lane, the Charlton Athletic training ground in leafy, suburban SE9, was the final frontier for the national squad of the People's Republic of China on their 10-day English tour. The Chinese, building up towards a series of matches which could see them boldly go to the World Cup finals for the first time, return home tomorrow with an unbeaten record from five games.

Charlton typified the clubs encountered by China in as much as they fielded a mixture of up-and-coming youngsters and hardened professionals. Yet there was much to admire in the way the Chinese, them- er showed dissent.

selves using the private friendly to give their second-choice players a run-out, employed skill and speed to win 4-2.

In their opening match, China beat Nottingham Forest 2-0. They then overwhelmed two down - before winning 2-1 against a Chelsea side featuring Gullit, Kharin, Duberry and Rocastle. Their penultimate fixture, against an Arsenal team which included Lee Dixon, was abandoned at 0-0 with seven minutes remaining

"I took them off because it got a bit naughty, with a few bad tackles flying about," explained Ted Buxton, the former aide to Terry Venables who is a technical consultant to the Chinese FA. In the interests of diplomacy, be declined to specify the culprits. Suffice to say that, against Charlton, the Chinese committed few fouls and nev**Phil Shaw** watches China's finest footballers conclude an unheralded English tour with their fifth win in five games

long way, technically and physpines in Manila in 1913. ically, since 1979, when public Albion, Chelsea, Middlesbrough and Celtic all ended in defeat. The visit to The Hawthorns was in reciprocation of Albion's trip to the Orient the previous year (when a tongue-in-cheek player remarked on camera at the Great Wall: "See one wall and you've seen them all."). Ron Atkinson's team had won all four matches at a canter.

The Chinese had only just been readmitted to Fifa, the world game's governing body. having left in 1958 in protest over teams from Taiwan and Hong Kong being allowed to play as China. There was already a strong tradition of football-indeed, they took part in the first international

They have certainly come a on Asian soil, against the Philipmany weeks in which they also

In the interim it was left to the Far East - the name Pak Doo Ik still causes palpitations among Italians of a certain age after his winning goal in 1966 but China, like Japan, are starting to get their act together. There is a new professional league, and one of those rested yesterday, Hao Hai Dong, commanded a Chinese record transfer fee of £172,000 when be left the Army Club, August First, for

Hao was the leading scorer as China advanced smoothly through the first stage in the campaign to reach France next summer. They now receive Iran on 13 September, the first of eight World Cup matches in as

take on Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. The top two go complex qualifying system could yet pit China and Buxton against Australia and Venables in a play-off for a place in the

In the longer term, the Chinese are clearly equipped to prosper. Four years ago, half a dozen of their Under-16 squad spent a month training in Brazil. and there was more than a hint of Latin flair about their performance against Charlton.
One of the boys from Brazil, Li Jing Yu, could easily have had a double hat-trick but had to set-

tle for three goals. . With 20 minutes remaining, the 2-2 scoreline flattered Charlton, only for the Chinese

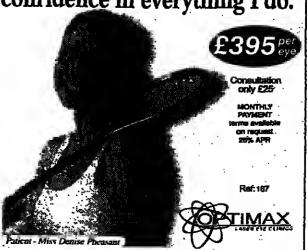
to finish them off when Li scored twice in quick succession. There was no great height in their line-up, with the exception of the 6ft 5in goalkeeper Fu Bin. which meant they struggled against the aerial strength of broke out with pace and precision, most players being con-fortable taking the ball on either foot. If the shooting was sometimes wayward, it was also ambitious, and it is easy to imagine them scoring spectacular goals in a future World Cup.

Whether it will be next year remains to be seen. However, those who believe an African nation will lift the global prize before one from Asia would do well to consider the notential of China, who have a population of 1.25 billion to draw upon. As Sir Bobby Charlton said, after a coaching trip to Peking: "They're working on a squad of 800 million kids."

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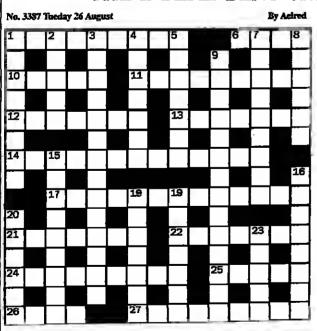
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Wigan halt Bulls' charge

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Bradford

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Bradford lost their perfect record in Super League yesterday as Wigan produced a second-half performance that recalled the times, not so long ago, when they were the side that was almost unbeatable.

Down by 18-0 shortly before half-time, Wigan were inspired by Jason Robinson and Andy Farrell to a fightback that showed that there is still the germ of greatness alive within the club. The timing, at the end of a week when they have been rocked by board-room upheavals, could hardly have been better. Even their departed chairman, Jack Robinson, there in his new capacity as a sup-porter, had a spring in his stride

One of the most remarkable turnarounds of this or any other season began two minutes before the break when Farrell and Robinson combined for the try

have the quality around them that they once enjoyed, but they will rarely play better individual games for the club than this. Even Henry Paul, who bas

been such a disappointment this season, recovered a little of his old spark to find a gap from dummy half that brought Wigan right back into contention 13 minutes after the break. The truly pivotal moment came just two minutes later, Matt Calland kicking through for Bradford and Robinson picking up to race away for a magnificent 60-

With the scores level, the momentum was with Wigan and a pass from the magnificent Farrell saw Andy Johnson release Gary Connolly for the try that put them ahead. With Bradford down to 10 men after James Lowes had been sent to the sin bin, Farrell completed a tally of six place-kicks from as many attempts, added a drop goal and also supplied the pass for Neil Cowie to touch down.

They have been marvellous all season in trying circum-

that pegged back the first six stances," said the Wigan coach points. The two players do not Eric Hughes, of Farrell and Eric Hughes, of Farrell and Robinson. "They lifted everyone today - but I've always said that we still had the ability to beat anyone in Super League."

It did not look that way in the first half when Bradford battered a nervous Wigan to the ex-tent that a mere 18-point lead looked scant reward. Jon Scales scored within a minute of the start, with Lowes and Bernard Dwyer adding further tries. The way that Bradford had three others disallowed - Lowes twice and Danny Peacock - seemed irrelevant, there would surely be more along soon. Instead, an extraordinary recovery by Wigan denied them their piece of his-

tory as the first team to win every game in the top division. "Ab, well," said one Bulls' supporter, "you can't win them all." For at least one more season, that remains true.

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Smith favours 'unbundled' deals

land's Test Matches abroad

Sport and the media

Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport said yesterday that he is examining controversial exclusive sports rights. BSkyB's buy-ups of events such as golf's Ryder Cup, world

title boxing fights and Eng-

have deprived non-cable and satellite bomes of even the highlights of those sports. But Smith said "unbundled"

deals, which would make recorded highlights available to terrestrial channels, were important to preserve national audiences for sport. Smith's department is cur-

jewels" list of nationally important events excluded from nonterrestrial buy-ups, but he said in a speech in Edinburgh: "The issue of simultaneous output and transmission of highlights or time-shifted coverage, I think. is every bit as important as what we do about the crown jew-

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